

Attachment A

SUBJECT: City of Redmond Recycling Resources and Sustainability Options

The purpose of this memo is to summarize the recycling resources available to City Residents and Businesses following the cancellation of the City sponsored recycling events.

Recycling Options Available to Residents Year-round:

Nearly all the recyclable material formerly accepted at City sponsored recycling events is readily recyclable at other locations. For those items that are not taken locally, such as Styrofoam and shredded paper, the City is pursuing standalone collection options. Residents can find this information online at the “What Goes Where Tool” on the City website at www.redmond.gov/recycling. Additional customer service related to recycling is provided through the qAlert system.

Recycling Options for Items Accepted at Past City Recycling Events (\$ = fee)

Electronics	All Ecycle Washington Drop off locations
Large Appliances	\$ Factoria and Shoreline Transfer Stations
Batteries	City Hall drop off
Paint	www.paintcare.org (e.g. Sherwin Williams)
Cooking Oil	City drop off location
Mattresses	\$ DTG Redmond, \$ Shoreline Transfer Station
Scrap Metal	Curbside, Schnitzer Steel, DTG Woodinville (may be a fee depending on materials)
Plant Pots	Curbside up to 5-gallon pots
Concrete Rock and Brick	\$ DTG Redmond
Toilets	\$ DTG Redmond
Usable goods and Clothing	Redmond Goodwill, Salvation Army Trailer @ Home Depot
Other Textiles	Curbside, Redmond Goodwill, Salvation Army Trailer
Tires	\$ Factoria and Shoreline transfer station
Bulky Yard Debris and Clean Wood	\$DTG Redmond
Mixed Recycling	Houghton Transfer Station
Garbage	\$ Houghton Transfer Station, Factoria Transfer Station

2021/2022 Recycling Pilot Project Partnerships in Development:

- Styrofoam - In April 2021, Redmond partnered with Safeway on a Styrofoam collection event, this event was held at the Albertsons store located on Redmond Fall City Road as there are no Safeway or Albertsons locations within Redmond City limits with adequate space in the parking lot to hold an event. Over 16,000 pounds of Styrofoam was collected at this event which is more than what has been collected over the past 5 years of City Sponsored Styrofoam events.
- Shredded paper events – working with OneRedmond to partner with local Banks to hold shred events.
- Ridwell residential curbside Styrofoam pick-up – conducting a pilot program for residential collection of Styrofoam through a partnership with Ridwell, up to 3 pickups per year. The first two pilot collection events are on September 14th and 28th.

Re-allocation of grant funding:

- Grant funding has been reallocated to offer programs available to all City residents and businesses; programs include:
 - Commercial and Multifamily Organics Collection at qualifying locations
 - Ongoing household battery collection for recycling at City facilities
 - Outreach and education for safer cleaning and household products
 - Outreach and education on proper disposal of household hazardous waste
 - Video Library Creation – short series of videos for use on the City website related to:
 - Household hazardous waste
 - Safer cleaning
 - Safer household products
 - How to properly dispose of household hazardous waste
 - Household hazardous waste mailer – A Redmond-specific hazardous waste disposal guide mailed to all Redmond households, including multifamily residences (approximately 30,000 total households)
 - [Sustainable Living Online Classes](#)– develop and conduct interactive workshops to share information and techniques for reducing waste at home, as well as properly sorting recyclables. Specific Redmond Sustainability Action at Home workshops include the following topics:
 - Recycle Right
 - Conservation Kitchen
 - Food + Composting
 - Perplexing Plastics
 - Dynamic Decluttering
 - Video Demo Clips related to sustainable living for the City website.
 - On-Demand Sustainable Living classes for local businesses or community groups.

Justification for moving away from City sponsored recycling events:

- To support purposeful implementation of environmental sustainability for diversion of recyclable materials from the landfill and to ensure that funding for recycling is distributed equitably across residents and businesses in the City.
- To allow for reallocation of one FTE to support environmental sustainability initiatives found in the ESAP – specifically creation of:
 - a citywide Construction and Demolition debris program and
 - a Sustainable Purchasing Program
- The City-adopted King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan includes a specific action for cities to “Evaluate options to transition away from recycling collection events as enhanced recycling services are provided at renovated transfer stations, improved bulky item collection becomes available and cost effective curbside, and product stewardship programs emerge” (Action 21s).
- Only 4% of Redmond households utilized each recycling event.
- Of the material brought to the recycling events, over 50% went to the landfill as it was not recyclable. Having the garbage disposal fees of a small percentage of residents paid for by all ratepayers was determined to not be an equitable use of rates.
- To provide education and outreach on waste reduction and recycling opportunities that will move the City towards the City ESAP and King County goal of 80% diversion of waste.