

Houghton Transfer Station



Fact Sheet

Screen wall made from recycled materials

Overview: Houghton Transfer Station was constructed in the mid-1960s on 8.4 acres of land. The station is bordered by the closed Houghton landfill on the north side, Bridle Trails State Park on the south side, and private homes on the east and west sides. The station has an open-sided, direct-dump style transfer building, a scalehouse, no-fee recyclable materials collection area, and trailer parking areas. The station services residents and businesses largely from the Bellevue, Bothell, Kirkland, Redmond, and Woodinville areas.

In 2011, a number of improvements were completed to enable King County to operate the station safely, efficiently, and with less impact on neighbors and the surrounding community.

Location: 11724 NE 60th St, Kirkland, WA 98033

Hours of operation

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

What happens to the waste? The waste is transported by county employees in trailers from Houghton to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 24 miles away.

What happens to recyclable materials? Recyclable materials are separated by type and distributed to local, national or international markets for processing into recycled content products. Reusable materials (textiles) are donated to local non-profits.

Notable features

- A screen wall made from recycled PVC pipe blocks wind, controls litter, and screens views of station operations
- The American Public Works Association's Washington State Chapter awarded the Houghton Transfer Station Roof Improvement and Mitigation Project the Project of the Year Award in the category "Structures Less than \$5 Million."
- A compactor for cardboard reduces the number of truck trips to a recycling facility in Seattle, lowering carbon emissions and transportation costs.



Compactors for recyclable materials



Constructed in 2011, a sound barrier wall along the west side helps reduce noise generated at the transfer station



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2015 at a glance

- **Who are the customers?** 84 percent of visits were made by self-haul customers, who contributed 23 percent of the total solid waste received at the station. Commercial customers contributed 77 percent of the total solid waste with 16 percent of the visits.
- **Tons of solid waste disposed:** 155,850. This constitutes 19 percent of the solid waste at all King County transfer stations.
- **Total customer visits:** 123,758
- **Recycling services**
 - Cardboard
 - Textiles
 - The following can be combined in the large blue “Recyclable Materials” containers:
 - o Paper, including office paper, junk mail, envelopes, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paper food boxes, cartons such as milk, juice and broth cartons, paper cups, shredded paper if securely tied in clear plastic bags, and hard and paper-back books
 - o Aluminum and tin/steel cans
 - o Glass bottles and jars
 - o Plastic bottles, cups, jugs, tubs, pots, food containers, clamshells, trays
 - o Large plastic or steel/tin lids (3 inches or more)

Recyclable materials must be empty (no liquids) and clean (no food).

• Recycling Tonnage

Cardboard	Mixed Paper	TAP1	Glass	Misc.	Total*
244	139	39	80	3	504

1) TAP (tin, aluminum and plastic)

* This constitutes 3 percent of the recycling at all King County transfer stations.



A commercial garbage truck on the tipping floor

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