

Frequently Asked Questions

Truck Drivers employed by Republic/Allied Waste are taking a labor action

1. What is the labor action?

- Teamster truck drivers employed by Republic/Allied Waste to collect materials from homes and businesses are taking a labor action.
- King County does not provide curbside collection services and is not a party to the labor dispute.
- Garbage and recycling haulers represented by Teamsters Local 174 and 117 may honor any picket line established by the Teamster drivers. Republic/Allied Waste may respond by using non-Union replacement drivers to continue collection services. If that occurs, picketers are expected at King County Solid Waste Division transfer stations and Cedar Hills.

2. How long will the action last?

- We do not know how long it will last. This labor action is a 'sympathy strike' stemming from labor disputes occurring between Republic/Allied Waste and the local unions representing drivers in Ohio. We are hopeful that it will be of short duration.

3. Will my curbside collection service be affected?

- Your collection service may be affected if it is provided by Republic/Allied Waste. It could occur on a different day or less-frequently.
- For the most up-to-date information about the status of your service, please contact Republic/Allied Waste directly.

4. How do I reach my recycling and garbage hauler?

- **Republic/Allied Waste:**
Web: <http://www.republicservices.com>
Phone: Call 425-452-4762 for questions about service at single family homes. Questions about multi-family or commercial service should be directed to 425-646-2492
- To find out which company collects your waste, go to King County's [Garbage & Recycling Index](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/index.asp) (<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/index.asp>)

5. What should I do with my garbage if it is not picked up during this action?

- Contact your hauler for instructions.
- Garbage that is properly secured in a closed garbage container and protected from animals can safely remain at your home for two to three weeks.
- Do not burn your garbage – it is against the law and pollutes the air.

- If you must dispose of your garbage, you can take it to any King County transfer station. If you go to a transfer station, please combine loads with your neighbors to be efficient and reduce congestion at the stations. Make sure to Secure Your Load. The minimum fee for garbage for all vehicles is \$22. Visa, MasterCard, checks and cash are accepted.

6. What should I do with my yard waste and food waste if it is not picked up during the action?

- Contact your hauler for instructions. Excess yard waste and food scraps can be stored in a secure waste container with a tight-fitting lid. Yard waste only – with no food scraps – can be stored in paper bags.
- If you go to a King County transfer station, the following restrictions apply:
 - The Bow Lake, Enumclaw, Shoreline and Cedar Falls facilities accept yard waste for recycling. The minimum fee for yard waste is \$12.
 - All stations accept yard waste as garbage. The minimum fee for garbage is \$22. Contact King County Solid Waste Division for a list of transfer stations.

7. What should I do with my recyclables if they are not picked up during the action?

- Contact your hauler for instructions.
- Excess materials that do not fit in your regular recycling containers can be stored in other containers clearly marked “recyclables” and kept on your property until the collection company can pick it up.

8. Will King County’s transfer stations be open during the labor action?

- Yes. King County is not a party to the dispute. King County’s transfer stations and drop boxes will continue to operate on a normal schedule during the labor action.

Call: 206-296-4466, TTY Relay: 711 (Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) For recorded Information call: 206-296-6540.

Web: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/transfer.asp> for station locations

- **Please note:** there may be service delays at King County’s facilities because of the possible presence of picketers and replacement truck drivers at the facilities. King County’s primary concern is to operate our facilities safely.

9. Will my recycling and garbage hauler reimburse me if I go to a transfer station to get rid of my garbage during the labor action?

- Contact your hauler for information. If you go to a transfer station, be sure to keep your receipt in case you need the documentation later.

10. Will I be charged for curbside collection service I don’t receive during the labor action?

- Contact your hauler for information.