Renton Transfer Station

Fact Sheet

**Overview:** Renton Transfer Station was constructed in the mid-1960s on 13 acres of land. The station is bordered by the King County Roads maintenance shops on the east side, the King County Parks maintenance shops on the northwest side, and county-owned property on the south and west sides. The facility consists of an open-sided, direct-dump style transfer building, a scalehouse, a no-fee recyclables collection area, and limited trailer parking area. The station primarily serves residents and businesses from the Renton, Maple Valley, and Newcastle areas.

**Location:** 3021 NE 4th St, Renton, WA 98056

**Hours of operation**
- Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 5 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 covered trailers from Renton to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 12 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 a local non-profit.

**Notable features**
- The roof was replaced in 2002 to provide higher vehicle clearance, a column-free interior space, and updated seismic and snow-bearing capacity.
- A compactor for cardboard reduces the number of truck trips to a recycling facility in Seattle, lowering carbon emissions and transportation costs.

Aerial view of Renton Transfer Station

Transfer building: upper left side for commercial customers, lower center for trailers, and upper right for self-haul customers

Main entrance and scalehouse

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2016 at a glance

- **Who are the customers?** 90 percent of visits were made by self-haul customers, who contributed 32 percent of the total solid waste received at the station. Commercial customers contributed 68 percent of the total solid waste with 10 percent of the visits.

- **Tons of solid waste disposed:** 68,654. This constitutes 8 percent of solid waste of all King County transfer stations.

- **Total customer visits:** 86,905

**Recycling services**
- Cardboard
- Textiles
- The following can be combined in the large blue “Recyclable Materials” containers:
  - 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 paperback books
  - Cans (aluminum, tin, steel)
  - Glass bottles and jars
  - Plastic bottles, cups, jugs, tubs, pots, food containers, clamshells, trays
  - Lids (3 inches or more)

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

**Recycling Tonnage**

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\(^1\) TAP (tin, aluminum and plastic)

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