

Join the One Less Bag Challenge.

Reduce, reuse, recycle and save resources.



One Less Bag Challenge gets lots of response from King County residents who lose garbage and increase recycling

The One Less Bag Challenge helps King County single family households, who generate an average of 25 pounds per household per week, to lose garbage weight. The new goal is to generate an average of 24 pounds per household per week by end of 2013. Residents, like you, take a pledge online or at a community event and get a free recycling kit including a compostable bag sample, spatula and recycling guide to help get the 'ick' out of recycling food scraps and food soiled paper. Since the beginning of the year we've received over 300 pledges to lose that garbage bag; Thanks King County recyclers!

This is the second year of our pledge effort, The One Less Bag Challenge. In 2012, we got a big response from residents across the county. We decided to ask them how they did it and we posted their stories on our website. Visit The One Less Bag Challenge web site and read their stories for yourself:

your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/documents/one-less-bag-champs.pdf

Ask an Expert?

Get the answer to your recycling questions. Join us on Facebook www.facebook.com/recyclemore and ask them there too!

Q: Are take-out containers garbage, even though they are plastic? If so, why?

A: Plastic clamshell containers, often used for baked good and grocery store food, are only garbage in some places. Some haulers accept clamshells for recycling and others do not. Materials collected at the curb can vary between haulers and between cities. If your hauler accepts them, they must be clean before being recycled. Check with your hauler on whether take-out containers are recyclable in your area. Visit the Recycle More It's Easy to Do website to find your hauler: your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/index.asp

Don't miss the August discounts!

Bartells Drugs and BioBag discount recycling tools for food scrap recycling

King County Solid Waste Division creates partnerships with local retailers to promote recycling and offer discounted recycling tools to King County consumers. In 2013, the Recycle More It's Easy to Do recycling program continues our partnership with Bartell Drugs and BioBag. From August 1 through August 31 King County residents can find compostable bags and kitchen containers at sale prices. These recycling tools help you get past the "ick" of recycling food with the yard debris you might have thrown away if recycling wasn't easy and convenient with these tools. What's even better? These promotions support the local economy and sales increase for these local retailers where you buy during the sale. Visit the Recycle More website at www.kingcounty.gov/recyclemore to learn where you can get recycling tools and beat the "ick" in your kitchen. Don't miss out!

Visit our booth and ask a question! Calendar of events:

August 4: Auburn Bartell Drugs www.bartelldrugs.com/store-locator

August 9-11: The Festival at Mount Si www.festivalatmtsi.org

August 10-11: Auburn Good Ol' Days www.auburndays.com/event_schedule.htm

August 17: Bellevue Crossroads Bartell Drugs www.bartelldrugs.com/store-locator

August 18: Des Moines Bartell Drugs www.bartelldrugs.com/store-locator

August 18: Covington Kids Fest www.covingtonwa.gov/events.html

August 24: Bellevue Village Bartell Drugs www.bartelldrugs.com/store-locator

August 25: Burien Bartells Drugs www.bartelldrugs.com/store-locator

August 31-September 1: Black Diamond Labor Day Celebration
www.blackdiamondlabordays.org

October 5-6: Issaquah Salmon Days Festival www.salmondays.org

