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Mattresses a big hit at City's recycling event

Mattresses were the big hit at the City's fall recycling event held Sept. 19 at the Twin Lakes Park & Ride. More than 10,000 lbs were turned in to be recycled. This was the first year the City accepted mattresses.

Overall the event attracted 1,014 vehicles dropping off 146,000 lbs of recyclable or reusable items. Styrofoam blocks were another new item accepted this year and people dropped off 900 pounds, which is about 217 garbage cans full.

"We were excited to add mattresses and Styrofoam blocks to our recycling event this year," said Jeanette Brizendine, the City's Recycling Project Manager and event coordinator. "Clearly we're filling a need. As long as our local recyclers continue their operations, we can continue to accept these new items.

The recycling event also accepted recyclable and reusable items such as scrap metal, appliances, clean wood, bulky yard debris, fluorescent lights, petroleum products, electronics, batteries, rigid plastic and reusable household goods. The City is always on the look-out for additional items to accept at these events. Residents have made suggestions to add carpet/padding, roofing shingles, and window panes, so the City continues searching for cost-effective local recycling markets.

The semi-annual recycling events are sponsored by the City of Federal Way, and funded with grants from King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County and Washington State Department of Ecology.

Missed this recycling event? Check out the events calendar at your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste for dates and locations of other recycling collection events. Or visit King County's "What Do I Do With...?" recycling database at your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw for recycling options for just about everything.

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