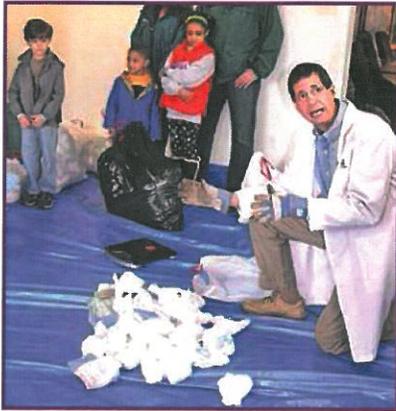


## Trash talking mayor in seventh place in recycling challenge

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King County Eco Consumer and 'garbologist' Tom Watson talks trash with Snoqualmie families competing with Mayor Matt Larson and his family to be the best recyclers. (Photo contributed)

Twelve families brought one week's worth of waste to Snoqualmie City Hall to see who had the most trash and who had recycled the most in Mayor Matt Larson's recycling challenge.

After the first week, Larson came in seventh.

Larson started the challenge after reading that Snoqualmie's recycling rate is the same as the national average, 32 percent, he said.

'We could be doing much better,' Larson said. 'It's just raising awareness in a fun way to see if folks can increase that effort and make sure we're one of the highest recyclers in the region.'

Gerty Coville, a project manager with the King County Solid Waste Division, reminded people to recycle paper, cardboard, milk cartons, soda cans, and food scraps and food soiled paper.