



2013 Revenue Sharing Plan – Quarterly Update (Q1)

in Snohomish County, Washington

What is the Waste Management Revenue and Recycling Commodity Sharing Plan?

Waste Management, Snohomish County, and King County participate in a Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan, a program unique to service areas regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). Enabled by Washington State Law (RCW 81.77.185), Waste Management is authorized to retain up to 50 percent of revenues from the sale of curbside and multifamily collected recyclables, if those funds are used to increase recycling. Remaining revenues are provided to the rate payer in the form of a recycling credit.

Every year, a Recycling and Commodity Revenue Sharing Plan is negotiated between Snohomish and King Counties and Waste Management annually. The Revenue Sharing Plan guides collaboration among the three entities to implement innovative projects and programs with the goal of raising residential recycling rates in areas of the counties regulated by the WUTC. This quarterly update was developed as part of the 2013 Plan.

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Recycling, Organics, and Garbage Service

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Service Territory

In Q1 of 2013 Waste Management provided recycling service to 115,128 residential customers and 1,396 multifamily properties in its Snohomish County WUTC service territory. Of these, 77 percent are located with Waste Management’s WUTC service territory and 23 percent are located in cities that contract directly with Waste Management for recycling and organics collection service.



WUTC Service Territory

Served under WUTC Tariff #17 (WM – Northwest):

- Brier
- Edmonds (east of Hwy 99)
- Granite Falls
- Lake Stevens Annex Areas
- Lynnwood (east of Hwy 99)
- South Everett (south of 112th St SE)
- Unincorporated areas (except for area surrounding Stanwood)

Served under WUTC Tariff #18 (WM of Skagit County):

- Unincorporated area surrounding City of Stanwood

Contract Cities

- Arlington
- Darrington
- Marysville (recycling and yard waste only)
- Mill Creek
- Mountlake Terrace
- Mukilteo*
- Stanwood

Cities marked with "" have franchise agreements with WM with service rates governed by WUTC.*

2013 Rates for Common Service Levels among WUTC Service Territory Customers

	Garbage			Recycling			Organics			
	Container Size	Collection Frequency	Monthly Rate	Container Size	Collection Frequency	Monthly Rate	Container Size	Collection Frequency	Monthly Rate	
WUTC Tariff #17	Res	35-gal cart (T51)	Weekly	\$14.80	96-gal cart (Y9E)	EOW	\$7.27 Service \$8.65, Rebate (\$1.38)	96-gal cart (G91)	Weekly	\$9.55
		1-yard (111)	Weekly	\$78.83 Service \$71.93, Rent \$6.90	No limit If subscribed for MSW	Weekly	\$3.51 Service \$4.77, Rebate (\$1.26) (Tied to MSW)	96-gal cart (EGF)	Weekly	\$29.73 Service \$27.73, Rent \$2.00
WUTC Tariff #18	Res	35-gal cart (T51)	Weekly	\$17.40	96-gal cart (Y9E)	EOW	\$3.75 Service \$7.90, Rebate (\$4.15) (Tied to MSW)	96-gal cart (G91)	EOW	\$9.65

Customer and Collection Service Statistics

Residential Customers (fewer than 5 units)		WUTC Service Territory			Contract Cities		
		2012	Q1 2013	% change	2012	Q1 2013	% change
Garbage	# of garbage customers	85,148	88,011	3.36%	19,445	19,562	0.60%
	Average lbs of garbage collected per customer per month	104 lbs	98 lbs	-5.54%	99 lbs	93 lbs	-6.37%
Recycling	# of recycling customers	85,828	88,794	3.46%	29,032 *	29,444 *	1.42%
	Average lbs of recycling collected per customer per month	56 lbs	56 lbs	0.33%	56 lbs	55 lbs	-2.21%
Organics	# of organics customers	36,649	38,060	3.85%	18,088	18,144	0.31%
	% of recycling customers with organics subscription	43%	43%	no change	62%	62%	no change
	Average lbs of organics collected per customer per month	138 lbs	70 lbs	n.a. (seasonal)	128 lbs	59 lbs	n.a. (seasonal)

Multifamily Properties (5+ units)

Garbage	# of properties with garbage service	521	512	-1.66%	177	172	-2.83%
Recycling	# of properties with recycling service	501	495	-1.20%	980 *	960 *	-2.01%

* WM provides recycling and organics service (but not garbage) to customers in the City of Marysville, resulting in a higher number of customers receiving recycling than garbage in the contract areas.

Multifamily and Ethnic Populations

In Snohomish County, 8.6% of residents are Asian and 8.3% are Latino. According to an analysis conducted by T.D. Wang, many areas within the WUTC service territory are home to higher proportions of Asian and Latino residents than the County overall.

Countywide, 26% of the population resides in multifamily housing units. However, among Latino residents, 49% of housing units are multifamily. 33% of Asian households reside in multifamily units.

Recycling and Organics Contamination

Contamination of recycling collected from residential Waste Management customers is somewhat in the WUTC service territory (where contaminants/other account for 17% of all recycling collected), compared to the contract cities (where contaminants/other account for only 9% of recycling). Among multifamily properties, rates of contaminants/other are similar (14% in WUTC territory and 13% in contract cities).*

An organics composition study conducted by Cascadia Consulting Group for King County in 2011 found that contaminants accounted for 2.1%, by weight, of the organics collected from residential customers in King County overall. A Snohomish County specific study has not been conducted.

*Based on the results of composition audits conducted by Cascadia Consulting Group. These audits only measure the commodities currently accepted in the King County recycling program. The "Contaminant/Other" percentage listed includes nonconforming recyclables and residuals. Nonconforming recyclables are materials that, while not formally included in the County program, were (1) found in the single stream recyclables and (2) may be recycled by Waste Management.