Will recycling and organics be collected weekly?

Yes!

What is “organics?”

Material appropriate for the organics container includes yard debris, food scraps and food-soiled paper. **Items that cannot be accepted** include waxy paper (like juice boxes), plastic (even the inside of paper coffee cups), metal and glass.

What plastics can be recycled?

Not all plastics are recyclable, but you can recycle any plastic container in the shape of a bottle, tub, jug, or cup.

Will bear-resistant containers be available?

Yes. You may a select small, medium or large container. There will be a $5 cart rental fee and a $5 monthly service fee for the special container. Customers may request a bear-resistant container any time after January.

Will I get a new cart?

If you use your own garbage container (one that you purchased) or if you currently do not subscribe to organics service, you will receive those containers from us in December. All other containers will remain the same.
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What if I don’t have yard waste, do I still need an organics cart?**
Yes. Food scraps can also be disposed of in your organics container, which is good for the environment and can reduce the amount of garbage produced. Reducing your container size would also reduce your garbage bill.

**What if I have extra yard debris?**
Any extra yard debris (no food scraps) can be placed in a kraft paper bag or bundled next to your cart, or in your own yard waste can clearly labeled as “Yard Debris.”

**What time should my carts be out on service day?**
Please have your carts at the curb no later than 7:00 am.

**Will my service day change?**
It could. Look for a post card from Republic Services in December, which will inform you of your service day. In case you miss it, we will also give you a call the day prior to your first collection.

**How do I pay my bill online?**
Once you have a Republic Services account, sign up for MyResource (download the free app on your mobile device) and get access to your account information, pick-up requests, and the ability to message Customer Service.

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**Good News!**
If you currently use your own garbage can for garbage service, Republic Services will deliver a new 32-gallon garbage cart in December.

**New! Mandatory Organics Collection**
If you do not currently subscribe to organics collection, a large 96-gallon cart will be delivered to you in December. If you would like a smaller cart (32 gallons) for food scrap-only collection, please call customer service at (425) 392-6651.

Please call us if you do not want to receive a new cart 425-392-6651.

**Easy Tips for Food Scrap Recycling:**
- Keep a food scrap bucket near your sink.
- Add food scraps and food-soiled paper (no waxy paper).
- When full, transfer to a paper bag and place into your organics cart.
- Make sure no plastic, glass or metal gets into your organics or food scrap container.
- A sprinkle of baking soda or a few drops of vanilla flavoring help with any odor issues.
- Layer yard debris with food scraps in your organics container.
- Freeze extra aromatic food items (such as seafood) and place in cart on collection day. Food scraps and food-soiled paper cannot be placed outside of a Republic Services cart (it can attract wildlife and is considered a public health issue by King County).

**Important:**
No plastic, glass or metal can be placed in your organics container.