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May 2021 Newsletter

Klickitat County Residents,

It is officially gardening season! " Here's some food for thought: While the world wastes about 1.4 billion tons of food every year, the United States discards more food than any other country in the world: nearly 40 million tons — 80 billion pounds — every year. That's estimated to be 30-40 percent of the entire US food supply, and equates to 219 pounds of waste per person." ([RTS-Read More](#))

UPCOMING

Composting Workshop

We are hosting a composting workshop in May with a composting master, Pete DuBois. This will be a 2 part workshop. The first part will be via Zoom and will cover all aspects of composting from the backyard, worm bins, and lasagna gardening. The second part will be an in-person instruction at the Goldendale Community Garden where Pete will show you how to build a lasagna garden and give you tips and tricks on a successful compost.

Online- May 11th 5:30pm-6:30pm
In-person May 15th 12:00pm-2:00pm



[Learn More or RSVP Now!](#)

Free Utensil Set- Thank you to everyone that participated

The Klickitat County Solid Waste Department in Cooperation with Republic Services and the Washington State Department of Ecology thanks everyone that participated in the gift signup. We hope that you choose to use re-useable and pass on the plastic one-time utensils.

REPUBLIC SERVICES

If your recycling bag is still at the curb at the end of your recycling day, please be sure to check the bag for a tag. If the drivers find contamination they will tag the bag to inform you. You will then need to remove the contaminated items from the bag and place it back at the curb on your next recycling day.

Contamination affects the marketability of the recyclables and increases the cost to provide recycling to the residents. The [Klickitat County](#)



Trash service is provided at a very reasonable price

[Solid Waste webpage](#) has detailed information on what is accepted and what is not accepted curbside. Take a look and if you have questions reach out to their recycling coordinator or submit a question through the online hotline link on their page.

and curbside recycling is offered free to all Klickitat County residents. Call (509) 773-5825 or click the link below to sign-up now!

[Sign-Up Online](#)

RECYCLING TIPS

Curbside recycling- Keep it simple and stick to the basics:

- **Paper and Cardboard**
- **Aluminum and Tin Cans**
- **Plastics #1 and #2 ONLY!**
 - Most butter, yogurt and cottage cheese tubs **do not** qualify. Always check the bottom for the resin number.

Self haul recycling- Includes the same curbside options with additional recycling options:

- **Glass**
- **Scrap Metal**
- **Appliances**
- **E-Waste**
- **Household Hazardous Waste**

[Learn More!](#)



Empty.



Clean.



Dry.

Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry™ before placing them in your recycling container.

RECYCLING STORIES

The legislative session has ended and there was a lot of activity in recycling, reduction of waste, and making our environment cleaner. Two bills that have passed are awaiting the Governor signature are:

- **[SB 5022](#)**, Concerning the management of certain material to support recycling and waste and litter reduction
- **[SB 1145](#)**, Amends the plastic bag law to include non-wood renewable fiber

[Zero Waste Washington](#) is an organization that helps fight for zero waste laws. Take a look at their webpage to find out more information!

