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November brings cold nights, beautiful days, family get-togethers, and lots of food!



News & Updates

If your rush before winter includes trips to the transfer station to dispose of trash or recycling, we have some **great news!** You can now call ahead to ensure there are no operating closures before making the trip. Republic Services launched a new Klickitat County specific website and operations phone line to help keep you up to date.

www.republicservices.com/municipality/klickitat-county-wa
Call to check the status (425) 970- 6101



Republic Services

October Spotlight

Thank you to those that have participated in our annual survey. The survey will remain open until **November 30th at Noon**. We will be randomly selecting winners for prizes and

contacting those residents in early December. The results help us understand where to focus our outreach and education. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes and participate.

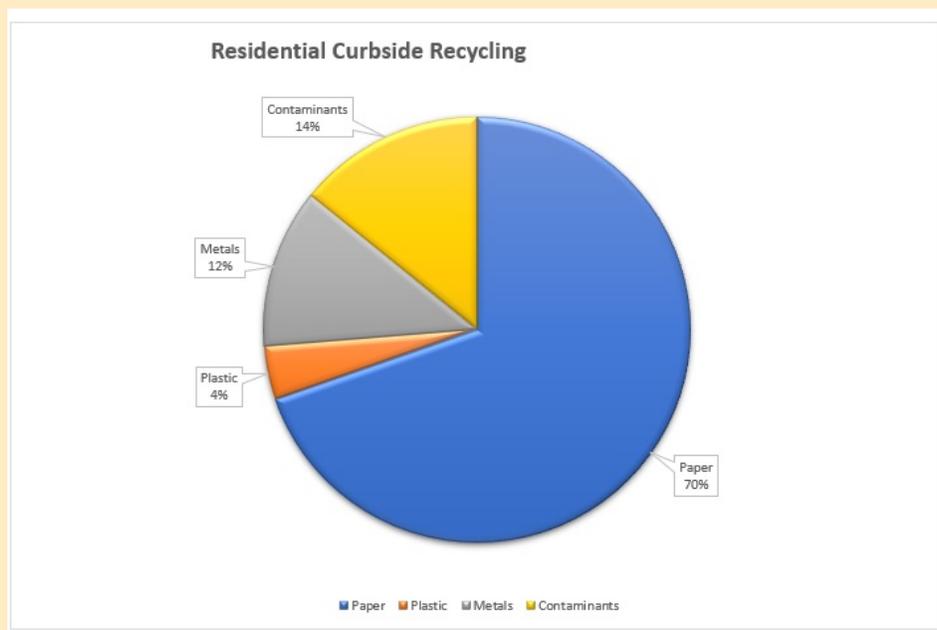


Take the Survey!

Contamination Audit Results

Is your recycling on the **naughty** or the **nice** list? We finished our contamination audit and have the results. This information will be a part of the Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) appendix in our Solid Waste Management Plan.

A quick summary is that the average contamination rate for the county is 18.6%. Although this may not seem too high at first glance, that number can be misleading. Depending on the contamination, the recycling center could dispose of the entire bag of recyclables, resulting in a loss of additional recyclable material than just the contaminants themselves.



Self-Haul Recycling

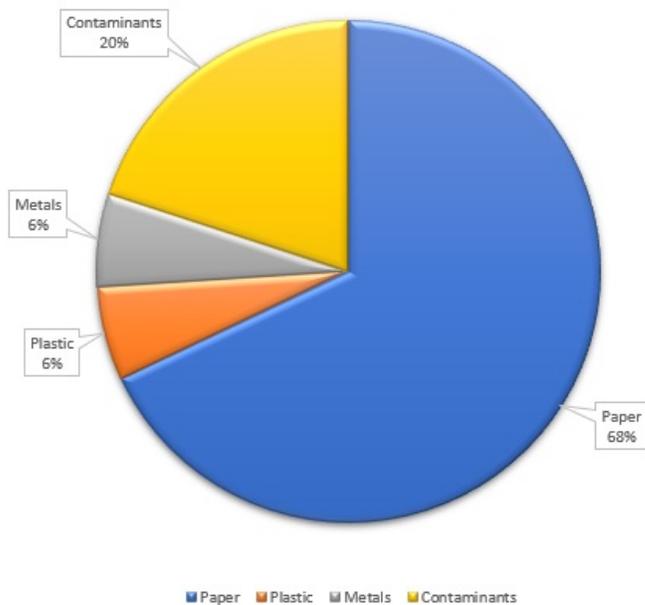


Table K-1. Klickitat County Recycling Characterization (in Pounds)

Material Type	Location		Totals	
	Goldendale Self-Haul	White Salmon Curbside	Pounds	Percent
Paper				
Cardboard	130.0	32.2	162.2	33.2%
Mixed Paper	103.4	66.8	170.2	35.0%
Total Paper	233.4	99.0	332.4	68.2%
Plastics				
Plastics #1 and #2	19.9	6.4	26.3	5.4%
Total Plastics	19.9	6.4	26.3	5.4%
Metals				
Aluminum Cans	10.2	8.4	18.6	3.8%
Tin Cans	11.2	8.5	19.7	4.0%
Total Metals	21.4	16.9	38.3	7.8%
Contaminants				
Plastic Bags and Film	2.3	2.8	5.1	1.0%
Hose, Wire, and Rope (Tanglers)	6.6	0.3	6.9	1.4%
Non-Program Plastics (Clamshells)	3.0	1.4	4.4	0.9%
CD Cases	3.2	10.9	14.1	2.9%
Garbage/Other	54.9	3.5	58.4	12.1%
Glass	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.3%
Total Contaminants	70.0	20.6	90.6	18.6%
Total Materials Sorted	344.7	142.9	487.6	100%

Recycling Tip of The Month- Electronics "E-Waste"

Electronics have been in high demand for many years. This year, with the pandemic, the need for electronics has soared even more. Electronics, however, do not last forever, and we must have a disposal plan for them. Most experts suggest that the average life span of a laptop is 3-5 years, and the lifespan of a battery is 300-500 full charges. Those numbers depend on many

different factors. Learn how to increase the lifespan on this [TechGuided](#) article.

Batteries are dangerous if not disposed of properly. We have seen multiple fires in our local trash containers from batteries exploding, heating up, or leaking. Do not throw it in the trash.

- Drop it off at a household hazardous waste (HHW) facility or a retailer that accepts the used batteries. The recyclable material is then extracted and reused. Any remaining parts are safely disposed of.

Electronics- You have more options than just recycling your old electronics. Explore your options and recycle them at the end of its lifecycle.

- [Donate it](#)
- [Sell it](#)
- [Fix it](#)
- [Recycle it](#), Washington Department of Ecology offers a free program called E-Waste WA. This program accepts the following items for free at any of their service locations:
 - Televisions
 - Computers
 - Laptops
 - Monitors
 - Tablets
 - E-readers
 - Portable DVD players

Find the location information for our [Klickitat County HHW Facilities](#).
Find other locations such as retailers that accept [E-Waste and HHW](#).

E-Waste Electronic Recycling

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