

Seattle Resource Conservation News

Better Recycling Coming March 30!

Seattle businesses will be able to reduce, reuse, and recycle more than ever before! On **March 30**, new solid waste service changes begin for businesses with commingled service, including:

- n New collection haulers for many businesses: CleanScapes and Waste Management.
- n More paper, plastic and metal items can be recycled, including cups, deli trays, aluminum foil and plastic plant pots.
- n Glass bottles and jars go in with mixed recyclables – no more separating.
- n For small businesses, electronics, used motor oil and bulky items can be collected through special services
- n The Clear Alleys Program will begin in the Belltown, Downtown, and Pioneer Square [neighborhoods](#).

Look in your mailbox for more information. Seattle Public Utilities offers a speaker's bureau on these solid waste changes to local business groups. To invite a presenter, please contact J. Paul Blake at 684-8180, JPaul.blake@Seattle.gov

New Solid Waste Rates in Effect March 30

New [garbage](#) and [food/yard waste](#) rates take effect March 30, 2009. Rates for the Clean Alleys Program are available [here](#).

Plan ahead! Offset garbage rates by increasing compost and recycling services and reducing the amount of waste your business generates. Consider [waste prevention measures](#) your business can undertake.

Clear Alleys Program (CAP)

What is this program and who is affected?

CAP prohibits businesses from storing dumpsters, plastic carts, or any other container in public alleys without a street use permit in the Belltown, Downtown, and Pioneer Square [neighborhoods](#) (PDF). The rule has been mailed to customers in the affected neighborhoods. View a copy of the [letter](#) (PDF) or [The Proposed Director's Rule](#).

Why was the program created?

The City of Seattle's Clear Alleys Program (CAP) is aimed at:

- l Creating cleaner, safer business districts
- l Reducing the incidence of uncivil behaviors and illegal activities in alleys
- l Increasing the attractiveness of alleys for pedestrian use
- l Allowing better alley access for business services (deliveries) and possible expansion of commercial activity

Read [CAP frequently asked questions](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Events

By-Product Synergy NW Networking Event

Turn your "waste" into profit at this event where you will meet with businesses from the Puget Sound Region to explore trades and alternative sourcing!

Date/Time: February 18, 2009 8 a.m. -1:30 PM

Location: Bertha Landes Room - Seattle City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Info Line: 425-828-0982

Website: <http://www.nbis.org/>

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Buy tickets for this event.

Registration check-in begins at 8 a.m. Program begins at 8:30.

Event concludes after lunch at 2 p.m.

Clear Alleys Program Open Forum

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Case Study

Cara Godwin of Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects

Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects associate Cara Godwin started an effort to green their Seattle office and this effort has turned into an ongoing project to continually improve practices within their offices, their company, and their industry.

Highlights

- n 100% post-consumer recycled content paper is used for standard copying and printing purposes.
- n Implemented successful office wide food scrap recycling program (now almost 30% of total waste.)
- n Worked with IT to set every copy machine and printer to default to double-sided printing.
- n Lights in kitchen and bathrooms are equipped with motion sensors.
- n Environmentally preferred cleaners are used for dishes, shower, and hand soap.
- n Video conferencing reduces travel between Seattle and Portland offices.
- n Three projects have been LEED Gold certified and an additional 15 are

Have your questions regarding this new program answered by City of Seattle and Seattle waste hauler representatives.

Save the date!
March 10, 2009
Palace Ballroom
2100 5th AVE.
Seattle, WA 98121
Visit Resource Venture's event page for updated information soon:
<http://www.resourceventure.org/news-events>.

planning to achieve
LEED certification.

To learn more, contact
Resource Venture at (206)
343-8505 or
help@resourceventure.org.

Resource Venture, a service of Seattle Public Utilities, provides free resource efficiency assistance to businesses. Please contact us at resourceventure.org or 206-343-8505. Thank you.

E-Cycle Washington Program Began January 1

For small businesses (with less than 50 employees), electronics including computers, computer monitors, televisions, and portable computers can be recycle for free through [Washington's E-Cycle program](#).

Foam Ban Began January 1

Seattle's [Styrofoam Ban](#) began January 1, 2009 for all foodservice establishments in the city. At this time, any alternative to foam is acceptable. Starting July 1, 2010, all foodservice establishments must:

- A. Use alternatives that are recyclable or compostable, and
- B. Have recycling or compost pickup service at their locations

Sign up for [recycling](#) and [commercial compost](#) collection today and save money while fighting climate change!

Water Rebates

It's both cost-effective and good for the environment to adopt water-efficient procedures, equipment and technology for space cooling, refrigeration, laundry, cleaning, and simply flushing. Have you checked out the latest rebates available to commercial businesses?

- § [Toilet and Urinal Replacements](#)
- § [Refrigeration Systems](#)
- § [Medical/Scientific Equipment](#)
- § [Cooling Improvements](#)
- § [Food Service Equipment](#)
- § [Laundry Equipment Upgrades](#)
- § [Industrial Processes](#)
- § [Irrigation Systems](#)

Stormwater

Restaurants and commercial kitchens found in schools, hotels, and hospitals potentially generate large volumes of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) waste due to the volume of food preparation, service, and cleanup they manage. But, FOG generation can also come from small coffee shops, deli's, and pizza establishments.

Learn more about how to manage [FOG at your business >](#)

Green Building

Seattle's Green Building Task Force released the [Draft Staff Policy Recommendations](#) for the Green Building Capital Initiative on January 30, 2009.

Climate

The Seattle Climate Partnership recently published sector specific guidebooks highlighting ways your business can take climate action and cut costs.

- | [How-to for General Office](#) (PDF, 604 KB)
- | [How-to for Hospitals/Medical](#) (PDF, 583 KB)
- | [How-to for Restaurants](#) (PDF, 570 KB)
- | [How-to for Hotels](#) (PDF, 603 KB)
- | [How-to for Retailers](#) (PDF, 526 KB)
- | [How-to for Industrial](#) (PDF, 592 KB)
- | [How-to for Property Managers](#) (PDF, 627 KB)

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