

SUSTAINING SHORELINE

Check out these 2022 success stories of Shoreline apartment residents recycling and composting in our community!

BALLINGER COMMONS

Ballinger Commons is a 77-acre apartment complex in the Echo Lake neighborhood. King County Housing Authority owns the 27-building property, which includes 485 units. The City and Recology's Waste Zero staff worked with property management to develop a new compost collection program consisting of four 96-gallon carts dispersed across the complex. We installed signage near carts to help residents learn what can and cannot be composted. We kicked off the program by hosting an onsite educational event. To support residents with successful composting, we provided free kitchen compost kits, including a compost pail, a starter supply of compostable bags, and a multilingual compost guide.

Each month **residents ensure ~2,000 lbs. of kitchen food scraps, pizza boxes, and other food-soiled paper products** get turned into nutrient-rich soil instead of going to the landfills.

JUNCTION 160

Junction 160 is in the Highland Terrace neighborhood and features 60 units. In partnership with Recology, we helped residents recycle better and compost more. We worked with property management to install specially designed lids on their two 4-yard recycling dumpsters. These lids feature a just-narrow-enough slot that prevents individuals from throwing most non-recyclables into the recycling dumpsters. We also set up a compost station with one 96-gallon cart and an A-frame with educational signage. We gave all units a free kitchen compost kit. We also provided door-to-door outreach and educational messaging for property management to email to residents.

Residents compost almost 500 lbs. of food waste per month and **reduced recycling contamination from 20% to 2%.**



(Above) A compost station and educational outreach at Ballinger Commons. (Below) A compost cart and educational signage at Junction 160 and a free compost kit.





15015 APARTMENTS

Management from this 39-unit property in the Ridgecrest neighborhood reached out to us to help resolve ongoing recycling contamination issues. We installed our special slotted lids on one two 4-yard recycle dumpster. Management was also interested in piloting compost service at this property, so we set up one 96-gallon compost station with educational signage. We provided door-to-door resident outreach and distributed free kitchen compost kits, recycling totes, and multilingual sorting guides to all units.

On average, **residents divert between 75-100 lbs. of food waste from the landfill**, and they have **reduced recycling contamination by 23%**.



LINDEN HIGHLANDS

This 82-unit property used a private company to provide door-to-door collection of garbage and recyclables from residents; however, they continued to battle contamination issues. We installed our special slotted lid on their 6-yard dumpster and provided residents with information on proper recycling in multiple languages. The program was such a success that property management is considering canceling the private door-to-door collection service. **Residents reduced recycling contamination by 18%!**

COLONIAL GARDENS

Colonial Gardens is a King County Housing Authority property with 72 units. We worked with property management to install our special slotted lid to prevent recycling contamination. We provided door-to-door outreach and educated residents on proper recycling habits. After a few weeks, **residents reduced recycling contamination from 30% to just 2%!**

HIGHLANDER HOUSE

This 23-unit property in the Meridian Park neighborhood experienced ongoing issues with recycling contamination and dumping. In collaboration with property management we installed our special slotted lid, conducted door-to-door outreach, and provided resident education materials in multiple languages, including Amharic and Tigrinya. These efforts have helped **residents reduce recycling contamination from 35% to 2%!**

LEARN MORE TODAY!



Contact the City to see how we can help your apartment or condo property recycle better and compost more. Scan the QR code or call 206-801-2452.

