



Keep The Lids Shut – New Dumpster Lid Program

Business
Manager or Owner
Business Address
Bellevue, WA 9800#

Re: Coming soon to a dumpster near you!

Dear **Business**,

The City of Bellevue Water Quality Staff will be putting stickers on your dumpsters and signs around your building to remind users to put the lids down every time you take out your garbage and recycling. Closing lids on dumpsters reduces smells, pests, and keeps rain out.

We want to make it as easy as possible for you and your employees to close the dumpster lids every time you take out your garbage or recycling. We will be delivering reminder signs and posters, tips, and information about keeping dumpster areas clean.

Why is this important?

Open dumpsters can cause problems for local waterways. When lids are left open, rainwater gets in. Then dumpster juice can leak from dumpsters or pour out when it is emptied into the garbage truck. Sometimes, it even leaks from the garbage truck. When this happens, pollution from the dumpster juice gets washed into the nearest storm drain and then flows into nearby bodies of water like Lake Bellevue, Kelsey Creek, and Lake Washington.

We would like to meet with you to give you materials and chat briefly.

Staff plan be in your area on **DATE**. You may reach out to Laurie Devereaux or Thania Barrios, contact information below, if you would like to set up a specific time to meet. If we don't coordinate a time in advance, we'll stop by when we are already in your neighborhood.

We look forward to being partners in helping protect local water quality.

Best fishes,

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Dumpster sticker and signs

