

Composting Connections

Bellevue apartment and condo residents cook up conservation!



Check out these 2020-2021 success stories of local apartment and condominium residents reducing waste, recycling, and composting in your community!

Bellepark East Apartments



Bellepark East Apartments is a King County Housing Authority property professionally managed by Greystar. The 118-home residential property consists of eleven buildings in a parklike setting surrounded by tall fir trees. A centrally located compost station was established with a large format sorting poster and a compostable food scrap bag dispenser unit. City recycling and composting instructions in all seven languages were provided along with kitchen compost containers and blue recycle tote bags which are all located at the property management office conservation table. **These residents now divert an estimated 400 pounds each month of food waste and food soiled paper products away from the landfill and into healthy compost soil.**

Bellevue Pacific Tower

This 24-floor downtown building houses 171 condominiums. Bellevue Utilities outreach staff assisted the property by reviewing solid waste practices and recommending commercial food waste composting service for its residents. Compost collection service began in combination with a resident composting education class offered by the City and attended by more than 30 interested residents. Kitchen containers were provided for each participating household to help collect and transport food scraps from their kitchens to the ground floor compost collection station. A wall-mounted compost bag dispenser was provided to offer residents convenient access to approved compost bags to line their kitchen containers. **With weekly collection, participating residents diverted an estimated 500 pounds of kitchen food scraps each month! That quarter ton of food waste collected each month was turned into nutrient rich compost and used in parks and gardens throughout the Pacific Northwest.**

Bellevue Pacific Tower also offers Styrofoam recycling for its residents—adding nicely to the property's environmental ethic!



Hampton Greens

Hampton Greens offers garden-style apartment living across 16 acres in Bellevue. The property consists of 36 two- and three-story buildings which provide housing to 326 families. This King County Housing Authority property utilizes a private company to provide door-to-door collection of garbage and recyclables from residents. Bellevue Utilities' outreach team worked with property management and King County Housing Authority staff to help develop a new compost collection station for residents consisting of two 96-gallon carts which are emptied from a centralized "conservation corner" weekly by the local hauler. **The program is a hit with residents who divert 800 pounds of kitchen food scraps and pizza boxes per month.** The team installed signage including, a refurbished A-frame sign showcasing composting instructions and painted an outdoor post to bring attention to the compost collection location. The City outreach team also provided kitchen containers, a compost bag dispenser, and education materials to support residents with successfully collecting compostable materials on site. Following an assessment of the recycling program, the team also connected the site manager with the City's contracted garbage and recycling service provider to add an additional recycling collection day, which added an additional 40 cubic yards per week of recycling service!



Hyde Square

Hyde Square Apartments opened in 2018 as one of Bellevue's largest multifamily developments. The property contains four towers which house 618 homes. The Bellevue Utilities outreach team provided support developing the property's four compost collection stations located underneath each building. Large instruction posters, compostable bag dispenser units, and container decals were employed to bring awareness and education to the residents. Each household was offered a kitchen container to collect and transport food scraps to the compost stations. **Participating residents diverted approximately 1,600 pounds per month of food scraps from the landfill.** The City's outreach team also supplied reusable tote bags to assist residents with continuing to collect and transport recyclables from their apartments to recycling chutes conveniently located in waste rooms on each building floor as well.



Kendall Ridge Apartment Homes



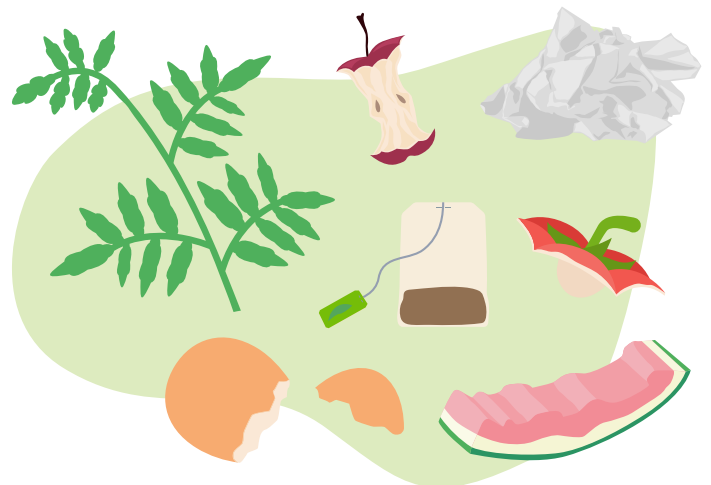
Kendall Ridge Apartment Homes is a King County Housing Authority (KCHA) property professionally managed by Greystar. This 240-home property consists of 15 buildings and is located in the Crossroads community of Bellevue. The City's outreach staff teamed with property management to revamp the recycling program and start new composting practices.

A two-cart compost station was centrally located in an unused covered parking spot. An A-Frame sign board was salvaged from a dumpster and repurposed for compost education. Two recycling carts were brought in to capture junk mail at mailbox locations. Stenciling signage was added to enhance the compost and recycle message. The City staged resident educational materials in the property's community room including instructions in multiple languages, kitchen compost containers with sample approved compostable food scrap bags, and blue recycle tote bags. **This property now composts an estimated 650 pounds of kitchen food scraps, and equally, recycles an additional 650 pounds of paper every month.**

Landmark Apartments



Landmark Apartments is a 191-home property on 15-acres in the heart of the Crossroads neighborhood. Residents were already recycling and composting, however property management worked with the City to refresh practices and reinvigorate composting with their residents. Bellevue Utilities provided new large educational posters for what belongs in the compost cart, 3D cart signage, and sample approved compostable food scrap bags to help residents compost right. **These residents divert an estimated 800 pounds of food scraps and food soiled paper every month for composting.**



Surrey Downs


Surrey Downs Apartments is a 122-home property located in the Woodridge neighborhood right around the corner from Bellevue Square shopping center. The property management reached out to City of Bellevue Utilities to enhance their recycling program and start new compost service. The City team worked with property management and maintenance to place a new compost cart next to the properties large recycling container which is centrally located among the six 2-story buildings. Maintenance staff constructed two wooden A-frame sign boards which are used for sharing compost and recycle instructions. New compost service began the same week as Halloween and the City's educational outreach event included encouragement to compost pumpkins following the holiday festivities. **These residents now divert an estimated 430 pounds of food scraps and food soiled paper every month for composting.**



Vue 22



Vue 22 is an apartment complex with 451 homes located along Bel-Red Road in the Crossroads area of Bellevue. The residential property is comprised of four 6- and 8-story buildings. The property contacted the City of Bellevue Utilities with the desire to add food waste composting service for its residents. Staff worked with property management and maintenance to establish a centrally located compost station consisting of two compost carts, compostable bag dispenser and a large composting instructions poster. A resident education event was coordinated and attended by over 60 residents. Kitchen compost containers, blue recycle tote bags and garbage/compost/recycle instructions in seven languages were provided to residents. To support the education event, the property management brought in a food truck and provided free food truck dinners to residents who stopped by the education table. **The property now composts an estimated 650 pounds per month of food scraps, greasy pizza boxes and food soiled paper that no longer go to the landfill.**

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