

Waste Less Win More

Reduce Waste And Win

Team up with your neighbors to reduce waste and win a community improvement project installed and maintained by CleanScapes, your City-contracted garbage and recycling service.

- ▶ Pocket park
- ▶ Public bench and lighting
- ▶ Neighborhood entrance landscaping, sign, lighting

Why Reduce Waste

Approximately 200 tons of garbage are collected from Seattle households every day. Much of this could have been recycled, or better yet, not created in the first place. Yes, we need to recycle our waste, but there is a better way.

Stop waste before it happens!

- ▶ **REDUCE** purchases of wasteful or unneeded products.
- ▶ **REUSE** the products you already have.
- ▶ **COMPOST** at home.

How The Competition Works

To win, residential customers simply reduce the total tons of waste (garbage, recycling and yard waste) you produce. The neighborhood collection area (see map, over) with the largest percent decrease in total tons during the competition period (Fall 2009 to Spring 2010) wins. Community councils representing the winning area will choose a community improvement project from a list of options worth approximately \$50,000.

5 Ways to Reduce Waste

- 1 Use Reusable (Not Disposable) Items**
 - ▶ Coffee cups, water glasses, grocery bags
 - ▶ Plates, cups, napkins, flatware
 - ▶ Cloth towels (instead of paper towels)
- 2 Use Less Paper**
 - ▶ Print and copy double-sided
 - ▶ Cancel junkmail (www.DMAchoice.org) and catalogs (www.catalogchoice.org)
 - ▶ Call off the phone books
www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org
- 3 Reduce Packaging**
 - ▶ Buy bulk not individual servings
 - ▶ Use a pitcher and glasses instead of single cans and bottles
 - ▶ Buy local produce and drink tap water
- 4 Compost Organics At Home**
 - ▶ Leave short grass clippings on the lawn
 - ▶ Mulch your garden—spread leaves and clippings under trees and shrubs
 - ▶ Turn food scraps and yard debris into compost
www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Yard
- 5 Buy, Sell or Donate Used Clothing, Appliances, Electronics and Furniture**
www.takeitbacknetwork.org
www.freecycle.org
www.craigslist.org
www.kashless.org



Web Site: www.cleanscapes.com
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Share Your Winning Idea

If you have a great waste reduction tip we didn't mention, email your tip to EducationOutreach@CleanScapes.com for a chance to win a stainless steel countertop compost container.

Scholarship Opportunity!

Apply for "Waste Reduction Student of the Year" for the chance to win a \$2,000 college scholarship. Contact EducationOutreach@CleanScapes.com

Waste Less This Holiday Season

Give an experience. Create memories. Here are some suggestions:

- ▶ Gift certificates: cooking or yoga lessons, a massage, restaurant dinner, boat rental
- ▶ Tickets: theater, sports, concert, museum
- ▶ Donate to a cause in someone's name: www.volunteermatch.org

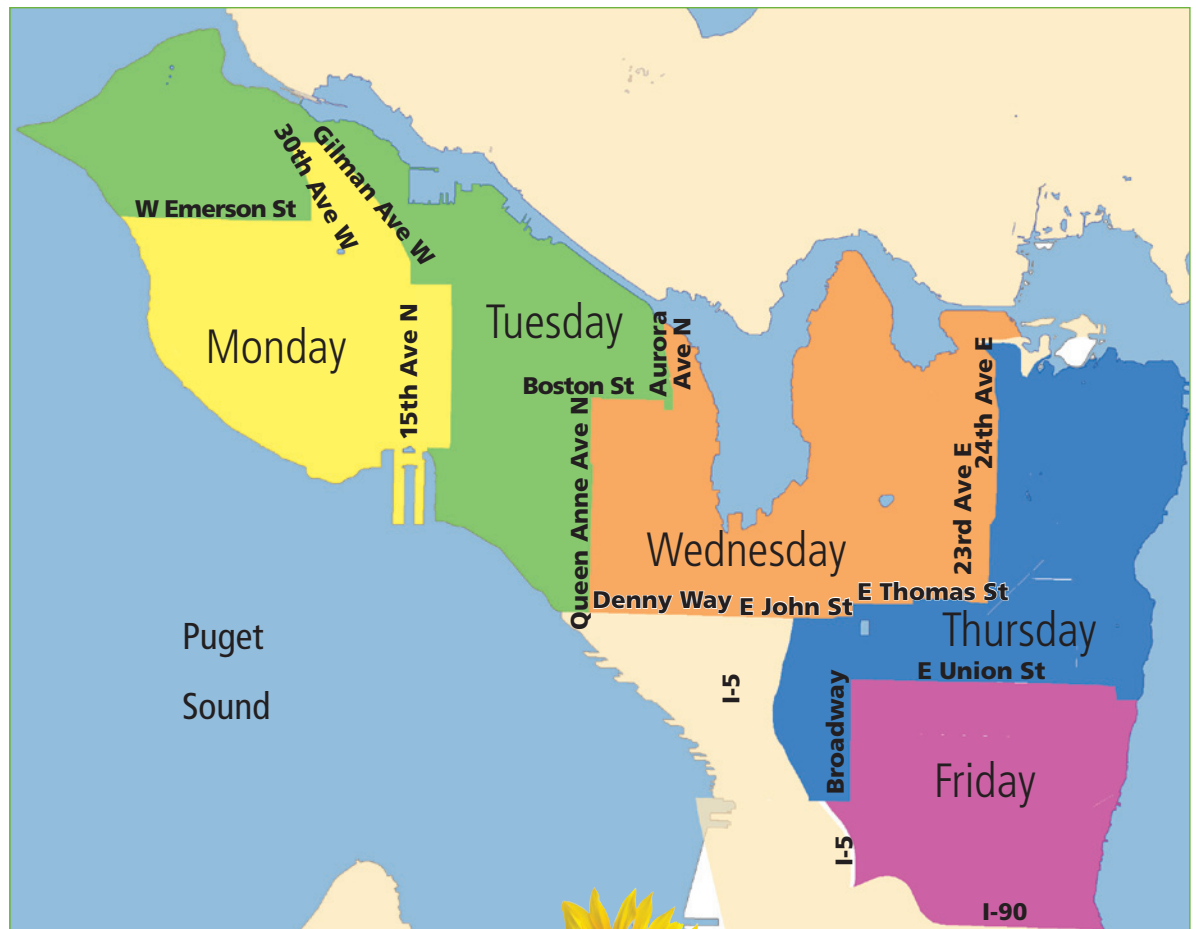
Find more ideas at www.KCecoconsumer.com.

Other Resources

- ▶ www.CleanScapes.com/resources.html
- ▶ www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Recycling
- ▶ www.storyofstuff.com

Find Your Neighborhood Collection Area

Neighborhoods for this competition are determined by your collection day on the map.



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