



Recycling Residuals

Seattle/King County Interlocal Agreement

Parks, Public Utilities and Technology Committee | May 22, 2024

Agenda

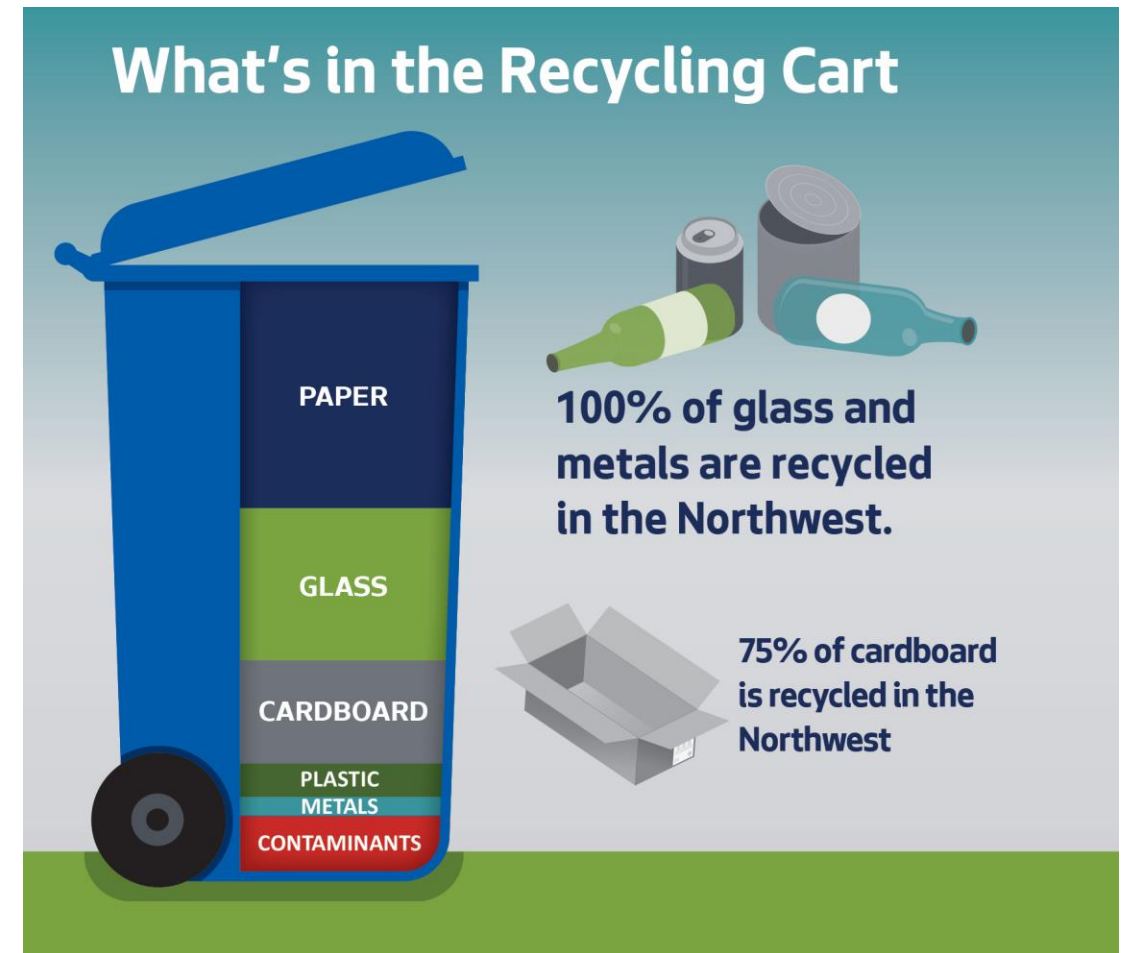
- Recycling Process Overview
- What led to this Interlocal Agreement (ILA)
- Details about the ILA
- Next Steps

Legislation Purpose:

- To authorize Seattle Public Utilities to execute an agreement with King County to allow for the fair and legal disposition of residual solid waste collected by the County but sorted and processed at Material Recovery Facilities in Seattle.



What are Residuals?



Leading up to the ILA

- In 2018, King County directed companies to send residuals to the King County Landfill
- The City and County met to discuss the issue but could not resolve
- The City initiated a lawsuit to obtain a declaratory judgement
- Discussions continued and the ILA was proposed

Interlocal Agreement

- Recycling Facilities pay Seattle \$146 per ton to dispose of the residuals.
- It costs Seattle \$68 per ton to dispose of the residuals via rail to the landfill.
- The remaining \$79 per ton supports Solid Waste planning, programs and administration.

Interlocal Agreement

- Through the ILA, the City would pay King County \$30 of this \$79 per ton.
- All residuals will be disposed of through the city's disposal system resulting in twice the tonnage compared to the current arrangement.
- We estimate this will result in a **net revenue increase** for the city of approximately \$100K per year.

Current Status of the ILA

- The ILA was passed by Seattle City Council in 2023
- King County Council made edits to ILA prior to passing it at the end of 2023.
 - Minor wording edits that are not impactful to the spirit or outcomes of the Agreement, including change to who signs on KC side.
 - Clarification of how the payments are calculated that does not change the parties intention regarding how much the payouts are.
- This requires repassage by Seattle City Council

Questions?

