



## September 2020 Newsletter, Issue 1

### Welcome to our First Newsletter!

This is the start of something great! We plan to release monthly newsletters to keep you informed with current events, give you tips on how to reduce, reuse and recycle, and keep you posted on community events that we are hosting.

#### August Spotlight

##### **Recycling Contamination Audit Complete-**

In 2019, Washington Legislature passed a bill that will require counties with a population above 25,000 to develop a **Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP)** in 2021. Although we currently do not meet the residential threshold, we chose to develop our plan sooner rather than later. We will be releasing details as soon as we have the data compiled and analyzed. These details will guide our decisions on the outreach plan.

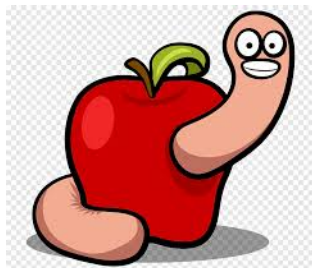


##### **Backyard Composting Webinar-**

We hosted our first live composting webinar. If you missed it you can watch the recorded zoom webinar on our **composting workshop web page!**



#### Upcoming Events & Programs



##### **September 24th from 7:00PM -8:30PM**

Join us for a fun webinar to learn how to turn your food waste into nutrient rich compost with the help of red worms. The first 25 people to sign up and attend the event will get a FREE composting box which includes red worms! (Limited to 1 per household)

Sign-Up  
Here!








#### Recycling Tips

Did you catch our [Plastics Free July Campaign](#)? We have a whole page on our website dedicated to that campaign. We posted on topics including:

- Recyclable plastics in our county
- How to reduce and reuse your plastic waste
- Videos such as "A Plastic Wave" and "The Life Cycle of a Plastic Bottle."

[Do you know which plastics are recyclable in Klickitat County?](#) Here is a hint, only 2 of the 7 can be recycled in Klickitat County!

#### Plastic Resin Identification Codes

						
PETE	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
Polyethylene Terephthalate	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other

## Curbside Service Interruptions

Unfortunately, a few areas of our county have dealt with curbside service interruptions this year. August was no exception. Although recycling was the main program affected there were a couple of garbage routes affected too. Due to an increase in residential curbside recycling and trash pick-up, Republic Services has been dealing with a staff shortage. Equipment failures have also caused some delays for them. Their employees worked a lot of extra hours to pick up as much as possible. Drop off sites were offered in White Salmon on two Saturdays, and one Saturday in Glenwood, they also put out automated calls to the residents that were affected. If you did not receive a call please call their office to update your contact information so that you receive these important updates.

The Dallesport transfer station had some early closures in the month of August, which affected our county residents as well. These closures were due to large amounts of out-of-county trash as well as mechanical issues. The price for out-of-county residents has been increased to reduce the amount coming into our county as well as to make the price more comparable to other local areas. Be sure to have your proper Washington identification to prove residency upon request. More information on the price increase can be [found here](#).

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