

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of America Recycles Day
DEPARTMENT:	Recreation, Cultural, and Community Services Department
PRESENTED BY:	Cameron Reed, Environmental Services Program Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

This proclamation recognizes November 15, 2022, as America Recycles Day in the City of Shoreline and encourages community members to take steps to reduce waste, support a circular economy, and conserve resources through recycling and composting.

America Recycles Day encourages everyone in our community to conserve resources and protect our environment by reducing waste, recycling, reusing materials, and purchasing items made from recycled materials. Currently, [70% of what is sent to the King County landfill could have been recycled or composted instead](#). More work is needed to divert valuable materials from the landfill and achieve the City and King County’s joint goal of zero waste of resources with economic value by 2030. Together, the City and County are accelerating progress towards this goal by [participating in the Re+ Program](#). Additionally, a recent analysis of regional greenhouse gas emissions indicates that the [production and disposal of materials is a major contributor to climate change](#) in King County.

Several apartment complexes in Shoreline have demonstrated leadership in recycling and composting over the past year. We commend the staff and residents of Ballinger Commons Apartments, Junction 160 Apartments, and Shoreline Apartments for participating in pilot projects to provide compost service for their residents, enhancing recycling education, and reducing recycling contamination at their properties. We can each help create a sustainable community by following these examples to conserve resources and support a circular, low-waste economy by recycling and composting as much as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Mayor Scully read the America Recycles Day Proclamation.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – America Recycles Day 2022 Proclamation

Approved By: City Manager **JN** City Attorney **MK**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent challenge, with far-reaching current and future impacts to our environment, public health, and economy; and

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated from the production, transport, use, and disposal of goods, foods, and services consumed in Shoreline are a major part of our community's climate footprint; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to partnering with King County and other local jurisdictions to reduce solid waste and associated greenhouse gas emissions through the Re+ Program and the King-County Cities Climate Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, increasing recycling and composting of key materials such as plastic, paper, cardboard, metal, glass, and food scraps is an important part of the Re+ Program and the City's Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, 46 percent of all solid waste generated in Shoreline is recycled, yet 70 percent of what is landfilled could have been recycled or composted; and

WHEREAS, achieving zero waste of resources will require collaboration between local jurisdictions, businesses, community-based organizations, and residents; and

WHEREAS, America Recycles Day offers every individual an opportunity to actively reduce waste, support a circular economy, and conserve resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2022, as

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

in the City of Shoreline and call upon all members of our community to celebrate this special occasion and protect our environment by learning what they can recycle and compost and by taking steps to recycle and compost more and waste less.

Keith Scully, Mayor