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Dear Shoreline Residents and Businesses:

On May 2, 2016, the Shoreline City Council approved a new ten-year contract with Recology Cleanscapes, the City's current provider of solid waste services. Beginning March 1, 2017, you will see some changes coming to your solid waste (recycling, compost, and garbage) collection services.

One of the biggest changes to the new contract is mandatory collection. To help keep rates low, increase recycling, and promoting the health, safety, and well-being in our community, single-family garbage collection will become mandatory starting March 1, 2017. This means all Shoreline single-family homes will be required to enroll in solid waste collection services offered by Recology Cleanscapes. However, to ensure that mandatory collection is not too burdensome, Recology Cleanscapes developed affordable, basic service packages.

As a new benefit, all single-family residences will automatically receive weekly compostables service at no additional cost to the base garbage fee. Compostables include such things as food scraps, yard debris, and Christmas trees.

Commercial customers will also receive new benefits, such as unlimited recycling, optional locks on containers, and roll-out services at no additional charge.

Recology CleanScapes will open a new customer service storefront in Shoreline to help Shoreline residents recycle difficult-to-recycle items, such as car seats and small appliances; change their solid waste collection service level; pay their bills in-person; and purchase items made from recycled materials.

We are excited to have Recology CleanScapes continue to provide our community with the excellent customer service we have all come to expect. The City's goal is to achieve a 70% recycling rate by 2020, and these changes made to solid waste services will help meet this goal. In turn this will help keep our solid waste disposal rates low for the longest period of time.

For more information, visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/trashtalk2017. For questions, contact trashtalk@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2350.

Sincerely,


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