### Environmental Outreach in a Covid-19 Environment

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#### **Direction Needed from Council**

• No action by the Commission is required. This is an informational briefing.



### Agenda

- 1. Outreach Approach
- 2. Reaching Residents
- 3. Assisting Multifamily Properties
- 4. Assisting Businesses
- 5. Supporting Distanced Learning and Bellevue Youth
- 6. Planning For The Future



## **Outreach Approach**



#### **Outreach Approach**

- 1. Provide service continuity in new ways during COVID-19
- 2. Determine additional services needed to address new needs
- 3. Utilize creative partnerships
- 4. Ensure longevity of new resources beyond the pandemic
- 5. Incorporate updated Environmental Stewardship Plan solid waste goals



## **Reaching Residents**

Single-family and multifamily residential outreach strategies



# In-person workshops redesigned to virtual formats



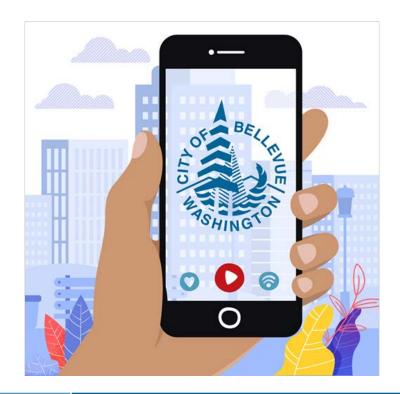






#### **New virtual service**

#### **The Great Bellevue Scavenger Hunt** October 2-30, 2020





#### **Curbside pickup opportunities**





#### **Creative partnerships**





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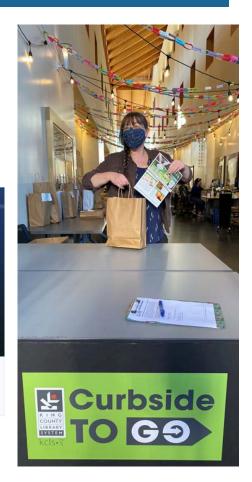
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The city joins Bellevue Arts Museum in offering BAM-O-WEEN TO GO this year. 2,000 creepy craft-making kits will be available for contactless pickup outsid... See More



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#### **Utilizing media channels**

- Neighborhood News
- It's Your City
- City Social Media
- Republic Services website
- Partner organization social media and newsletters



## Assisting Multifamily Properties

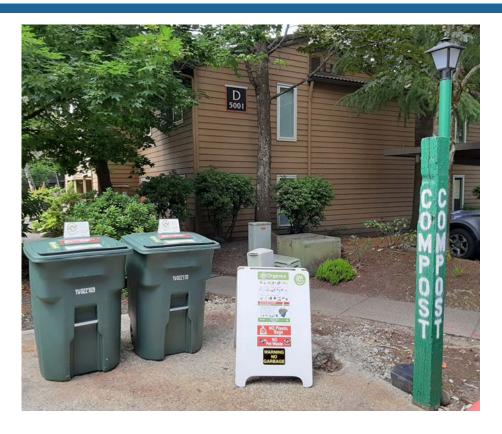


#### Virtual and contactless support





#### Increasing composting







#### **Reaching families**





## **Assisting Businesses**



#### **Cost saving actions**

#### For Businesses

#### Recycling help during COVID-19

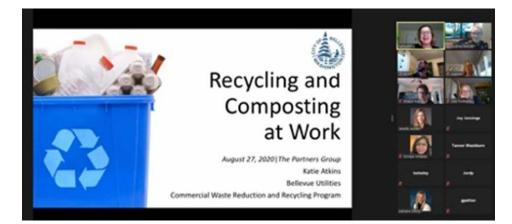
Your Bellevue business' solid waste streams may look different while operating under reduced capacity during COVID-19. Bellevue Utilities staff are available to help!

Contact <u>recycle@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-6197 to request support with waste reduction and recycling options that may help at this time, including:

- Recommendations for right-sizing your outdoor waste bins or frequency of service to help save money
- Staff training and signage to help with properly sorting recyclables to reduce waste and avoid increased garbage costs
- Other personalized assistance with waste reduction and recycling solutions that can benefit your business and our environment



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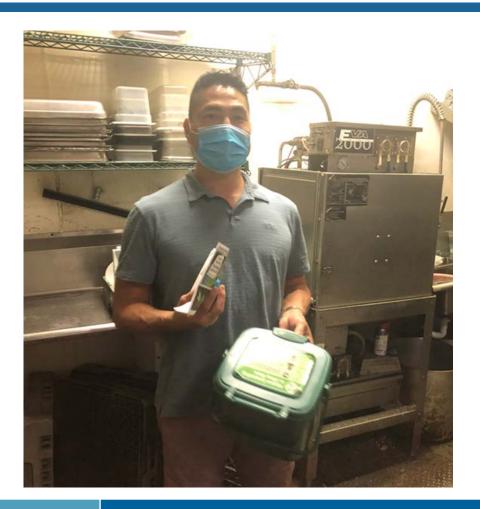








# Targeted outreach to food generating businesses





# Recycling assistance for paint retailers and motor oil collections







### Supporting Distanced Learning and Bellevue Youth



#### Virtual classroom presentations and remote curriculum





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#### **Hazards on the Homefront:** Household Hazardous Products and Safer Choices





# Partnerships with youth organizations





#### Home activity guides



## **Planning For The Future**



### Systemic approaches

- Zero Waste Events
- Facilities and infrastructure



## Conclusion



## **Questions?**

