# 2021 Annual Solid Waste Collection Contract Review

**Annual customer survey results** 

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### Direction Needed from Commission

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

### **Agenda**

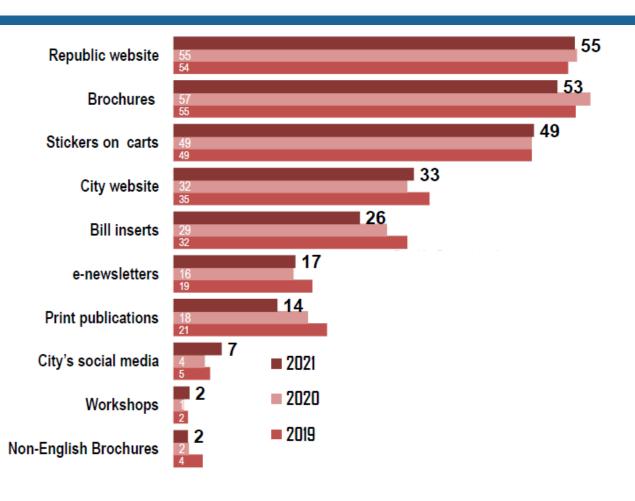
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- 2. Survey results: Customer awareness of services
- 3. Survey results: Customer satisfaction with services
- 4. Next steps

### Background

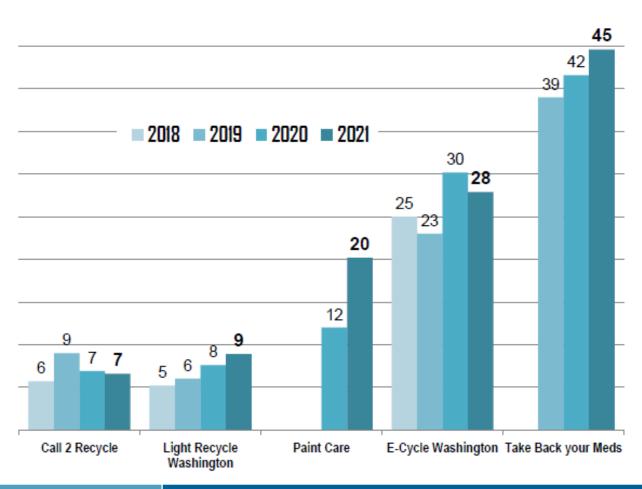
- Republic Services provides garbage, recycling and composting services to 30,500 single-family residences and 1,750 multi-family/commercial facilities
- Contract valued at \$27 million annually
  - Year 1 of 7-year contract extension (2021-2028)
- City conducts annual survey to gage
  - Awareness of recycling and compost services
  - Customer satisfaction

## Recycling & Composting Practices and Awareness of Services

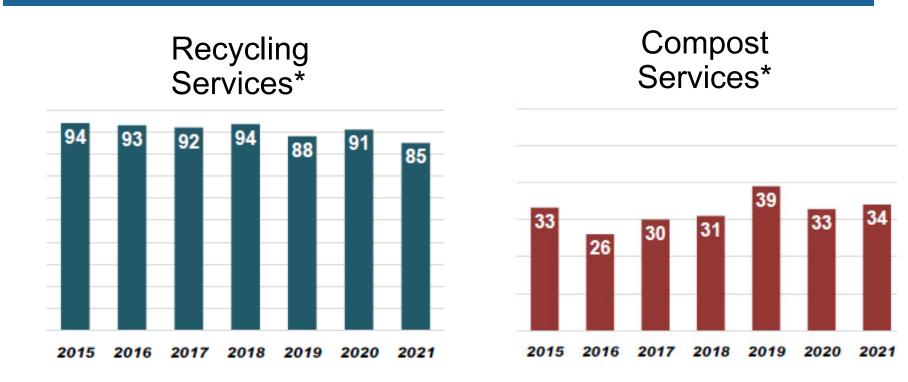
### Single-family Preferred Information Modes



### Single-family Percent Aware of Take-back Programs



### Multifamily/Commercial Service Respondents

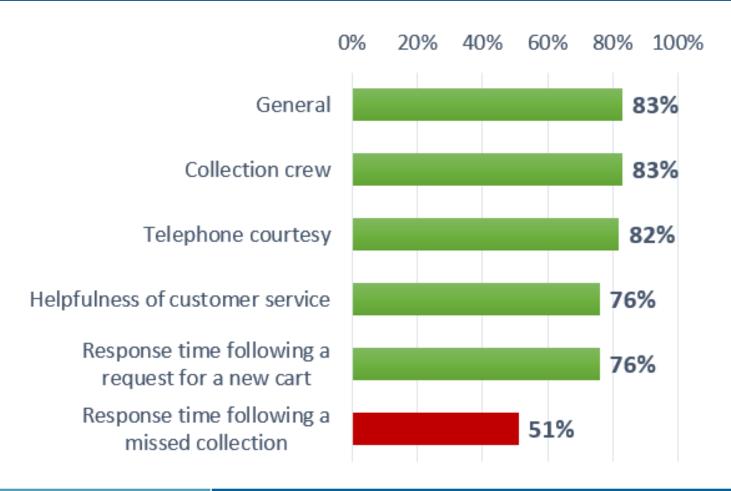


\*Percent Participation

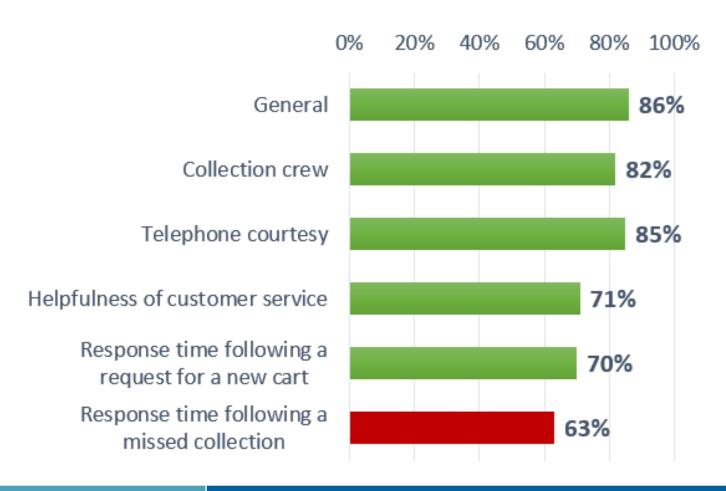


### **Customer Satisfaction**

### **Single-family Customer Satisfaction**



### Multifamily/Commercial Customer Satisfaction



### **Next Steps**

#### Recycling/Composting Practices and Awareness

- Continue to develop preferred information modes
- Promote convenient options for recycling unusual items
- Encourage paint recycling and promote PaintCare program
- Improve promotion of recycling and compost resources



Shout out to some of our local companies working hard to reduce waste and protect our environment! Check out the video to see how Blazing Bagels, Jing Jing Asian Market & SAP Concur have taken on some creative #zerowaste solutions with help from the Bellevue Utilities team.

https://youtu.be/UQ75B57G\_Vw

For more info or to request no-cost assistance for your business or multifamily residential property, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov.



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#### **Customer Satisfaction**

#### Republic Services

- Pay \$50,000 performance fee
- Develop and implement Action Plan to improve satisfaction with response time to missed collection

### **Action Plan Strategies**

#### **Operations**

- Hire and train more drivers
  - Driver recognition
- "Route Ready"
  - Same driver, same truck, same route

#### Customer engagement

- Strategic mailing
  - Increase awareness of credit when miss not picked up
- Call center
  - Ensure communications with customer complaint and dispatch

#### **Action Plan Metrics**

- Republic to conduct bimonthly surveys
  - Focus on improving satisfaction with response time to missed collection
- Republic's on-going performance data
  - Total missed collections
  - Missed collections subject to fee
- City to track trends over the next year

#### Questions?