

# Composting Connections

## Bellevue apartment and condo residents cook up conservation!

Check out these 2019-2020 success stories of local apartment and condominium residents reducing waste, recycling, and composting in your community!

### Bellevue Pacific Tower

This 24-floor downtown building houses 171 condominiums. Bellevue Utilities outreach staff assisted the property by reviewing solid waste practices and recommending commercial food waste composting service for its residents. Compost collection service began in combination with a resident composting education class offered by the City and attended by more than 30 interested residents. Kitchen containers were provided for each participating household to help collect and transport food scraps from their kitchens to the ground floor compost collection station. A wall-mounted compost bag dispenser was provided to offer residents convenient access to approved compost bags to line their kitchen containers. With weekly collection, participating residents diverted an estimated 500 pounds of kitchen food scraps each month! That quarter ton of food waste collected each month was turned into nutrient rich compost and used in parks and gardens throughout the Pacific Northwest. Bellevue Pacific Tower also offers Styrofoam recycling for its residents – adding nicely to the property's environmental ethic!



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## Hyde Square

Hyde Square Apartments opened in 2018 as one of Bellevue's largest multifamily developments. The property contains four towers which house 618 units and amenities including rooftop terraces, multiple courtyards, a coffee lounge, and more. The Bellevue Utilities outreach team provided support developing the property's four compost collection stations located underneath each building. Large instruction posters, compostable bag dispenser units, and container decals were employed to bring awareness and education to the residents. Each household was offered a kitchen container to collect and transport food scraps to the compost stations. **Participating residents diverted approximately 1,600 pounds per month of food scraps from the landfill.** The City's outreach team also supplied reusable tote bags to assist residents with continuing to collect and transport recyclables from their apartments to recycling chutes conveniently located in waste rooms on each building floor as well.

## Hampton Greens

Hampton Greens offers garden-style apartment living across 16 acres in Bellevue. The property consists of 36 two- and three-story buildings which provide housing to 326 families. This King County Housing Authority property utilizes a private company to provide door-to-door collection of garbage and recyclables from residents. Bellevue Utilities' outreach team worked with property management and King County Housing Authority staff to help develop a new compost collection station for residents consisting of two 96-gallon carts which are emptied from a centralized "conservation corner" weekly by the local hauler. **The program is a hit with residents who divert 800 pounds of kitchen food scraps and pizza boxes per month.** The team installed signage including, a refurbished A-frame sign showcasing composting instructions and painted an outdoor post to bring attention to the compost collection location. The City outreach team also provided kitchen containers, a compost bag dispenser, and education materials to support residents with successfully collecting compostable materials on site. Following an assessment of the recycling program, the team also connected the site manager with the City's contracted garbage and recycling service provider to add an additional recycling collection day, which added an additional 40 cubic yards per week of recycling service!