

YARD WASTE REPORT

December 2003

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Tonnage Breakdown

Curbside

December 2003:	1,854 Tons	16.5% increase vs. same period in '02
Cumulative Jan - Dec 2003:	33,923 Tons	1.7% decrease vs. same period in '02

Self Haul

December 2003:	910 Tons	5.9% increase vs. same period in '02
Cumulative Jan - Dec 2003:	14,156 Tons	1.5% decrease vs. same period in '02

Total Yard waste

December 2003:	2,764 Tons	12.8% increase vs. same period in '02
Cumulative Jan - Dec 2003:	48,079 Tons	1.6% decrease vs. same period in '02

Selected Statistics

Curbside Yard Waste Subscriptions as of December 2003:

Garbage Can Service:	89,798 subscriptions	61% of 147,316 total eligible accounts
Dumpster Service:	1,831 subscriptions	33% of 5,533 total eligible accounts ¹
Total:	91,629 subscriptions	60% of 152,849 total eligible accounts

Approximate Average Pounds per Subscribed Account for Curbside Yard Waste Program:

January - December 2003: 62 pounds per month

Basics of Curbside Yard Waste Program

SERVICE: Every other week pickup March through November and monthly pickup December through February.

MATERIALS: Leaves, grass clippings, prunings (must be 4 inches or less in diameter)
It is illegal to put yard waste in the curbside garbage can.

FEES: \$4.25 per month for up to 4 bags in bundles every other week. Each additional bag/bundle is \$1.50 each. The \$1.50 fee for extra bag/bundles became effective March 2000. Prior to that, residents paid a fixed fee for collection of up to 20 bags/bundles per month.

Basics of Self Haul Transfer Station Program

SERVICE: Two City-owned transfer stations accept yard waste during the regular operating hours of the stations. Yard waste must be separated and cannot be disposed of as garbage.

FEES: **Cars:** \$12.00 per trip (compared to \$14.00 per trip for garbage).
Trucks: \$72.75 per ton (compared to \$99.15 per ton for garbage).

¹ An "account" refers to billing for combined water, sewer, and garbage. An apartment building with 5 or 500 units would show up as one account, as would a single-family residence.

CITY OF SEATTLE YARD WASTE PROGRAM

Self Haul & Curbside Collection Tons 2002-2003								
Year	Month	Self Haul North¹	Self Haul South¹	Curbside North/WM	Curbside South/USD	Self Haul Total*	Curbside Total	Total Yard Waste
2002	1	373	284	583	633	657	1,217	1,874
2002	2	425	361	426	457	785	883	1,668
2002	3	509	462	1,080	1,011	972	2,091	3,062
2002	4	725	627	1,801	1,842	1,352	3,643	4,994
2002	5	817	753	2,271	2,525	1,570	4,796	6,366
2002	6	880	771	2,194	2,354	1,651	4,548	6,198
2002	7	831	731	1,870	1,993	1,562	3,863	5,425
2002	8	732	602	1,473	1,376	1,334	2,849	4,183
2002	9	747	550	1,255	1,257	1,298	2,512	3,810
2002	10	630	488	1,331	1,320	1,118	2,651	3,768
2002	11	705	504	1,984	1,876	1,209	3,860	5,069
2002	12	471	388	818	773	859	1,591	2,450
2003	1	464	346	850	799	811	1,649	2,460
2003	2	490	378	593	537	868	1,130	1,998
2003	3	516	453	1,222	1,110	970	2,332	3,302
2003	4	692	625	2,017	1,997	1,317	4,014	5,331
2003	5	863	877	2,381	2,485	1,739	4,866	6,605
2003	6	785	804	2,182	2,127	1,589	4,309	5,898
2003	7	708	639	1,653	1,605	1,347	3,258	4,605
2003	8	632	556	1,121	1,166	1,187	2,287	3,474
2003	9	658	525	1,252	1,269	1,183	2,521	3,704
2003	10	688	532	1,485	1,545	1,220	3,030	4,250
2003	11	586	429	1,380	1,293	1,015	2,673	3,688
2003	12	477	433	957	897	910	1,854	2,764
Total 2003:		7,559	6,597	17,094	16,830	14,156	33,923	48,079
Total 2002:		7,844	6,522	17,086	17,417	14,366	34,503	48,869
Total 2001:		8,279	6,755	18,412	18,578	15,034	36,990	52,024
Total 2000:		8,280	5,752	18,240	15,797	14,031	34,037	48,068
Total 1999:		8,186	5,506	28,080	11,657	13,692	39,737	53,428
Total 1998:		8,122	4,912	28,286	12,260	13,034	40,546	53,580
Total 1997:		8,574	5,563	30,017	13,113	14,137	43,130	57,267
Total 1996:		7,341	4,186	27,491	11,842	11,527	39,333	50,860
Total 1995:		7,567	4,596	29,122	11,622	12,163	40,745	52,907
Total 1994:		7,045	4,952	26,099	10,974	11,997	37,073	49,070
Total 1993 ² :		8,019	5,423	30,113	12,582	13,442	42,695	56,137
Total 1992 ² :		6,430	5,124	24,547	10,243	11,553	34,790	46,343
Total 1991:		8,814	5,908	28,103	11,100	14,722	39,203	53,924
Total 1990:		7,339	5,625	25,936	10,845	12,964	36,780	49,744
Total 1989:		6,495	4,753	22,812	8,845	11,249	31,657	42,905

1) Self haul includes cars and trucks. Cars are not weighed at the stations so car tons are estimated based on the number of cars.

The average weight of cars bringing yard waste is 258 pounds per car based on sampling conducted in 1995.

2) Note that the fairly large increase in tonnage from 1992 to 1993 is due to two factors:

- a) 1992 tonnage was the lowest since 1989 due to the drought and lawn watering ban which extended from June 1 - November 2, 1992.
- b) 1993 tonnage was high due to abundant precipitation in the spring and summer months.



