

# YARD WASTE REPORT

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## Tonnage Breakdown

### Curbside

December 2004: 1,881 Tons 1.5% increase vs. same period in 2003  
Cumulative Curbside: 38,485 Tons 13.4% increase vs. same period in 2003

### Self Haul

December 2004: 744 Tons 18.2% decrease vs. same period in 2003  
Cumulative Self Haul: 14,905 Tons 5.3% increase vs. same period in 2003

### Total Yard waste

December 2004: 2,625 Tons 5.0% decrease vs. same period in 2003  
Cumulative Total: 53,391 Tons 11.0% increase vs. same period in 2003

## Selected Statistics for Curbside Yard Waste Program Jan-Dec 2004:

Approximate Average Pounds per Signed-up Account<sup>1</sup>: 69 pounds per month

## Curbside Account<sup>1</sup> Sign-up Status as of December 2004

	Can YW Sign-ups	Dumpster YW Sign-ups	Total YW Sign-ups	Total Eligible Accounts	% Total YW Sign-ups
North End	47,218	667	47,885	72,342	66%
South End	43,576	1,153	44,729	81,698	55%
Citywide	90,794	1,820	92,614	154,040	60%

## Basics of Curbside Yard Waste Program

SERVICE: Every other week pickup.

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).

<sup>1</sup> 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 2003-2004**

YARD WASTE TONNAGE DATA									SIGN-UP DATA	
Year	Month	Self Haul North <sup>1</sup>	Self Haul South <sup>1</sup>	Self Haul Total*	Curbside North/WM	Curbside South/USD	Curbside Total	Total Yard Waste	Curbside Sign-Ups	Pounds per Account
2003	1	464	346	811	850	799	1,649	2,460	89,736	37
2003	2	490	378	868	593	537	1,130	1,998	89,683	25
2003	3	516	453	970	1,222	1,110	2,332	3,302	89,895	52
2003	4	692	625	1,317	2,017	1,997	4,014	5,331	90,642	89
2003	5	863	877	1,739	2,381	2,485	4,866	6,605	91,274	107
2003	6	785	804	1,589	2,182	2,127	4,309	5,898	91,761	94
2003	7	708	639	1,347	1,653	1,605	3,258	4,605	92,043	71
2003	8	632	556	1,187	1,121	1,166	2,287	3,474	92,114	50
2003	9	658	525	1,183	1,252	1,269	2,521	3,704	92,131	55
2003	10	688	532	1,220	1,485	1,545	3,030	4,250	91,996	66
2003	11	586	429	1,015	1,380	1,293	2,673	3,688	91,831	58
2003	12	477	433	910	957	897	1,854	2,764	91,629	40
2004	1	407	407	815	767	735	1,501	2,316	91,440	33
2004	2	553	464	1,017	745	637	1,382	2,399	91,459	30
2004	3	730	719	1,449	1,937	1,876	3,812	5,262	91,840	83
2004	4	753	773	1,526	2,244	2,257	4,501	6,027	92,241	98
2004	5	797	724	1,521	2,192	2,135	4,328	5,849	92,489	94
2004	6	781	753	1,535	2,144	2,010	4,154	5,689	92,795	90
2004	7	717	692	1,409	1,605	1,606	3,211	4,620	92,934	69
2004	8	623	601	1,225	1,369	1,423	2,792	4,017	92,992	60
2004	9	694	626	1,320	1,727	1,663	3,390	4,710	92,981	73
2004	10	626	571	1,197	1,748	1,554	3,302	4,499	92,862	71
2004	11	620	528	1,147	2,202	2,029	4,230	5,378	92,769	91
2004	12	428	317	744	991	890	1,881	2,625	92,614	41
Total 2004		7,729	7,177	14,905	19,670	18,815	38,485	53,391	2004 Avg	69
Total 2003:		7,559	6,597	14,156	17,094	16,830	33,923	48,079	2003 Avg	62
Total 2002:		7,844	6,522	14,366	17,086	17,417	34,503	48,869	2002 Avg	70
Total 2001:		8,279	6,755	15,034	18,412	18,578	36,990	52,024	2001 Avg	NA
Total 2000:		8,280	5,752	14,031	18,240	15,797	34,037	48,068	2000 Avg	66
Total 1999:		8,186	5,506	13,692	28,080	11,657	39,737	53,428	1999 Avg	78
Total 1998:		8,122	4,912	13,034	28,286	12,260	40,546	53,580	1998 Avg	79
Total 1997:		8,574	5,563	14,137	30,017	13,113	43,130	57,267	1997 Avg	84
Total 1996:		7,341	4,186	11,527	27,491	11,842	39,333	50,860	1996 Avg	76
Total 1995:		7,567	4,596	12,163	29,122	11,622	40,745	52,907	1995 Avg	75
Total 1994:		7,045	4,952	11,997	26,099	10,974	37,073	49,070	1994 Avg	72
Total 1993 <sup>2</sup> :		8,019	5,423	13,442	30,113	12,582	42,695	56,137	1993 Avg	78
Total 1992 <sup>2</sup> :		6,430	5,124	11,553	24,547	10,243	34,790	46,343	1992 Avg	61
Total 1991:		8,814	5,908	14,722	28,103	11,100	39,203	53,924		
Total 1990:		7,339	5,625	12,964	25,936	10,845	36,780	49,744		
Total 1989:		6,495	4,753	11,249	22,812	8,845	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.



