

ORGANICS REPORT

4th Quarter 2013

(Formerly Known as Yard Waste Report)

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Tonnage Breakdown

Self Haul

Q4 2013: 1,552 Tons 16.6% increase vs. same period in 2012
Cumulative YTD Self Haul: 6,290 Tons 4.6% decrease vs. same period in 2012

Residential

(single family and multi family)

Q4 2013: 21,372 Tons 1.9% increase vs. same period in 2012
Cumulative YTD Curbside: 82,390 Tons 1.5% decrease vs. same period in 2012

Commercial

(contract and non contract tons)

Q4 2013: 12,318 Tons 9.1% increase vs. same period in 2012
Cumulative YTD Commercial: 46,081 Tons 8.1% increase vs. same period in 2012

Organics Subscription Information by Premises¹ Type

Can premises customers are those that receive can garbage service. Can customers can request Exempt service if they do backyard food waste composting. Dumpster premises customers are subscribed to dumpster garbage service. "Curb" service is the same as can premise service, the customers moves the can out to the curb for collection. "On Site" service does not require the customer to move their container(s) out to the curb, similar to dumpster service. "Liner" service means a new liner is provided after each collection.

Can Premises by Subscription Type

| Dec-13 | 13 gal | 32 gal | 90 gal | Curb Liner | Onsite Liner | Total Signed Up | Exempt | Not Signed Up |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| Can Premises | 31,956 | 14,648 | 95,308 | 312 | 49 | 141,767 | 6,183 | 111 |
| % | 22% | 10% | 64% | 0.21% | 0.03% | 96% | 4% | 0.1% |

Dumpster Premises by Subscription Type

| Dec-13 | Curb No Liner | Curb Liner | Onsite Liner | Total Signed Up | Exempt | Not Signed Up |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| Multifamily Dumpster | 1,826 | 2,395 | 891 | 5,003 | 134 | 80 |
| % | 35% | 46% | 17% | 96% | 3% | 2% |

¹A premise is roughly equal to a building in our billing system. An apartment building is typically equal to one premise.

Basics of Residential Organics Program

Service: Beginning April 2009, collection frequency increased from bi-weekly to weekly pickup. All single family customers are required to sign up for organics service or request an exemption if they have backyard food waste composting. As of September 2011 multifamily and multiplex customers are also required to sign up for organics service. Multifamily customers can sign up for residential can/cart curb service or onsite can/cart service. (Curb service requires the customer to bring their container to the curb; onsite service does not require the customer to move their container.) Liner service, which includes a biodegradable plastic liner placed in the can or cart after each collection, is also available to multifamily customers.

MATERIALS: Leaves, grass clippings, prunings 4 inches or less in diameter. Starting in April 2009, all food waste and food soiled paper are allowed in the cart. It is illegal to put leaves, grass clippings and prunings in the curbside garbage can.

Fees: Monthly Variable Can/Cart Prices: 13 gal = \$4.95, 32 gal = \$7.45, 96 gal = \$9.50

Basics of Self Haul Program

SERVICE: Two city owned recycle and disposal stations accept organics during regular operating hours. Yard waste must be separated and cannot be disposed of as garbage.

FEES: **Cars:** \$20.00 per trip (compared to \$30.00 per trip for garbage).
Trucks: \$110.00 per ton (compared to \$145.00 per ton for garbage).

Basics of Commercial Program

SERVICE: Seattle has contracts with Waste Management and Cleanscapes for garbage and organics service. Customers can sign up with their contract garbage hauler for curb can/cart organics service. If they want on-site cart or dumpster service, they can use Cleanscapes which has a contract with Seattle for this service². In addition, Seattle commercial customers can choose organics service through a hauler outside of the city contracts. This is referred to as “non-contract” organics service.

MATERIALS: All food scraps (including meat, fish, dairy and produce), food soiled paper, waxed cardboard, and yard debris.

FEES: Approximately 32% below garbage prices. (Non-contract prices vary.)

²“Curb service” requires the customer to bring their container to the curb. “On-site service” does not require the customer to move their container for collection.

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| | | TONNAGE DATA | | | | | | | | | | ACCOUNT SIGN-UP DATA | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Year | Month | SELF HAUL | | | CURBSIDE ³ | | | | COMMERCIAL ⁴ | | | RESIDENTIAL | | COMMERCIAL | | |
| | | North | South | Total ¹ | WM | USD | CS | Total | Contract | Non Contract | Total | Accounts | Lbs/Acct | Contract | NonContract | Total |
| 2012 | 1 | 163 | 158 | 321 | 2,290 | | 1,887 | 4,177 | 161 | 3,234 | 3,396 | 143,514 | 58 | 739 | 1,453 | 2,192 |
| 2012 | 2 | 172 | 247 | 419 | 2,295 | | 1,846 | 4,141 | 133 | 3,234 | 3,367 | 143,595 | 58 | 748 | 1,453 | 2,201 |
| 2012 | 3 | 194 | 237 | 431 | 2,846 | | 2,176 | 5,022 | 152 | 3,234 | 3,386 | 143,738 | 70 | 754 | 1,453 | 2,207 |
| 2012 | 4 | 288 | 353 | 641 | 5,047 | | 3,554 | 8,601 | 153 | 3,273 | 3,426 | 144,075 | 119 | 760 | 1,433 | 2,193 |
| 2012 | 5 | 321 | 386 | 707 | 6,339 | | 4,286 | 10,625 | 175 | 3,273 | 3,449 | 144,456 | 147 | 775 | 1,433 | 2,208 |
| 2012 | 6 | 348 | 390 | 739 | 5,390 | | 3,732 | 9,121 | 217 | 3,273 | 3,491 | 144,674 | 126 | 779 | 1,433 | 2,212 |
| 2012 | 7 | 413 | 393 | 806 | 4,224 | | 3,551 | 7,775 | 139 | 3,453 | 3,592 | 144,090 | 108 | 802 | 1,457 | 2,259 |
| 2012 | 8 | 311 | 316 | 627 | 4,743 | | 2,930 | 7,673 | 149 | 3,453 | 3,602 | 144,323 | 106 | 803 | 1,457 | 2,260 |
| 2012 | 9 | 303 | 268 | 571 | 3,215 | | 2,333 | 5,548 | 159 | 3,453 | 3,613 | 144,550 | 77 | 807 | 1,457 | 2,264 |
| 2012 | 10 | 248 | 231 | 479 | 3,606 | | 2,812 | 6,419 | 177 | 3,585 | 3,762 | 145,167 | 88 | 811 | 1,482 | 2,293 |
| 2012 | 11 | 278 | 220 | 497 | 4,862 | | 4,470 | 9,332 | 194 | 3,585 | 3,779 | 145,157 | 129 | 827 | 1,482 | 2,309 |
| 2012 | 12 | 208 | 147 | 355 | 2,741 | | 2,491 | 5,231 | 167 | 3,585 | 3,751 | 145,905 | 72 | 828 | 1,482 | 2,310 |
| 2013 | 1 | 150 | 121 | 271 | 2,419 | | 2,035 | 4,454 | 175 | 3,368 | 3,543 | 145,857 | 61 | 834 | 1,531 | 2,365 |
| 2013 | 2 | 162 | 155 | 317 | 2,188 | | 1,754 | 3,942 | 156 | 3,368 | 3,524 | 145,929 | 54 | 834 | 1,531 | 2,365 |
| 2013 | 3 | 218 | 240 | 458 | 3,373 | | 2,522 | 5,895 | 154 | 3,368 | 3,522 | 146,037 | 81 | 840 | 1,531 | 2,371 |
| 2013 | 4 | 264 | 206 | 471 | 4,912 | | 3,382 | 8,294 | 168 | 3,565 | 3,733 | 146,209 | 113 | 852 | 1,557 | 2,409 |
| 2013 | 5 | 329 | 289 | 618 | 5,937 | | 4,131 | 10,068 | 179 | 3,565 | 3,744 | 146,396 | 138 | 876 | 1,557 | 2,433 |
| 2013 | 6 | 360 | 401 | 761 | 5,056 | | 3,468 | 8,523 | 178 | 3,565 | 3,744 | 146,548 | 116 | 876 | 1,557 | 2,433 |
| 2013 | 7 | 328 | 372 | 700 | 4,542 | | 3,216 | 7,757 | 189 | 3,785 | 3,975 | 146,623 | 106 | 878 | 1,624 | 2,502 |
| 2013 | 8 | 307 | 293 | 600 | 3,405 | | 2,524 | 5,929 | 193 | 3,785 | 3,979 | 146,681 | 81 | 876 | 1,624 | 2,500 |
| 2013 | 9 | 270 | 272 | 542 | 3,543 | | 2,613 | 6,157 | 214 | 3,785 | 4,000 | 146,768 | 84 | 883 | 1,624 | 2,507 |
| 2013 | 10 | 304 | 290 | 594 | 4,167 | | 3,218 | 7,384 | 184 | 3,941 | 4,125 | 146,803 | 101 | 870 | 1,662 | 2,532 |
| 2013 | 11 | 367 | 295 | 662 | 5,040 | | 4,490 | 9,531 | 164 | 3,941 | 4,106 | 146,758 | 130 | 870 | 1,662 | 2,532 |
| 2013 | 12 | 160 | 136 | 296 | 2,379 | | 2,078 | 4,457 | 146 | 3,941 | 4,087 | 146,770 | 61 | 876 | 1,662 | 2,538 |
| Total 2013 | | 3,219 | 3,071 | 6,290 | 46,960 | | 35,430 | 82,390 | 2,101 | 43,980 | 46,081 | 2013 Avg | 94 | | 2013 Avg | 2,457 |
| Total 2012 | | 3,245 | 3,348 | 6,593 | 47,599 | | 36,067 | 83,666 | 1,977 | 40,637 | 42,614 | 2012 Avg | 97 | | 2012 Avg | 2,242 |
| Total 2011 | | 3,449 | 3,345 | 6,794 | 45,777 | | 34,036 | 79,813 | 2,686 | 38,101 | 40,787 | 2011 Avg | 94 | | 2011 Avg | 2,047 |
| Total 2010 | | 3,715 | 3,966 | 7,682 | 46,564 | | 33,388 | 79,952 | 2,113 | 35,139 | 37,252 | 2010 Avg | 95 | | 2010 Avg | 1,648 |
| Total 2009 | | 4,775 | 5,374 | 10,149 | 42,648 | 4,455 | 27,127 | 74,230 | 1,763 | 29,961 | 31,724 | 2009 Avg | 90 | | 2009 Avg | 1,243 |
| Total 2008 | | 5,530 | 6,363 | 12,667 | 28,348 | 28,016 | | 56,364 | 2,260 | 24,902 | 27,162 | 2008 Avg | 87 | | 2008 Avg | 930 |
| Total 2007 | | 6,731 | 7,516 | 14,247 | 27,447 | 27,126 | | 54,573 | 5,023 | 9,748 | 14,771 | 2007 Avg | 87 | | | |
| Total 2006: | | 6,953 | 7,323 | 14,276 | 26,125 | 25,414 | | 51,539 | 7,123 | 280 | 7,403 | 2006 Avg | 85 | | | |
| Total 2005: | | 6,598 | 7,328 | 13,925 | 22,009 | 20,595 | | 42,603 | | | | 2005 Avg | 74 | | | |
| Total 2004: | | 7,729 | 7,177 | 14,905 | 19,670 | 18,815 | | 38,485 | | | | 2004 Avg | 69 | | | |
| Total 2003: | | 7,559 | 6,597 | 14,156 | 17,094 | 16,830 | | 33,923 | | | | 2003 Avg | 62 | | | |
| Total 2002: | | 7,844 | 6,522 | 14,366 | 17,086 | 17,417 | | 34,503 | | | | 2002 Avg | 70 | | | |
| Total 2001: | | 8,279 | 6,755 | 15,034 | 18,412 | 18,578 | | 36,990 | | | | 2001 Avg | NA | | | |
| Total 2000: | | 8,280 | 5,752 | 14,031 | 18,240 | 15,797 | | 34,037 | | | | 2000 Avg | 66 | | | |
| Total 1999: | | 8,186 | 5,506 | 13,692 | 28,080 | 11,657 | | 39,737 | | | | 1999 Avg | 78 | | | |
| Total 1998: | | 8,122 | 4,912 | 13,034 | 28,286 | 12,260 | | 40,546 | | | | 1998 Avg | 79 | | | |
| Total 1997: | | 8,574 | 5,563 | 14,137 | 30,017 | 13,113 | | 43,130 | | | | 1997 Avg | 84 | | | |
| Total 1996: | | 7,341 | 4,186 | 11,527 | 27,491 | 11,842 | | 39,333 | | | | 1996 Avg | 76 | | | |
| Total 1995: | | 7,567 | 4,596 | 12,163 | 29,122 | 11,622 | | 40,745 | | | | 1995 Avg | 75 | | | |
| Total 1994: | | 7,045 | 4,952 | 11,997 | 26,099 | 10,974 | | 37,073 | | | | 1994 Avg | 72 | | | |
| Total 1993 ² : | | 8,019 | 5,423 | 13,442 | 30,113 | 12,582 | | 42,695 | | | | 1993 Avg | 78 | | | |
| Total 1992: | | 6,430 | 5,124 | 11,553 | 24,547 | 10,243 | | 34,790 | | | | 1992 Avg | 61 | | | |
| Total 1991: | | 8,814 | 5,908 | 14,722 | 28,103 | 11,100 | | 39,203 | | | | | | | | |
| Total 1990: | | 7,339 | 5,625 | 12,964 | 25,936 | 10,845 | | 36,780 | | | | | | | | |
| Total 1989: | | 6,495 | 4,753 | 11,249 | 22,812 | 8,845 | | 31,657 | | | | | | | | |

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

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.

3) Some commercial curbside can/cart organics are included in residential curbside tons. New 10-yr contracts began 3/30/2009. CS (Cleanscapes) and WM (Waste Management) are the contracted haulers.

4) This table does not include some commercial non-compost food waste collection such as fats, oils and grease. This additional food waste is captured in our annual recycle survey and in our calculation of Seattle's overall recycling rate. Some Non Contract tons are reported quarterly.

City of Seattle Organics Customers by Customer Category

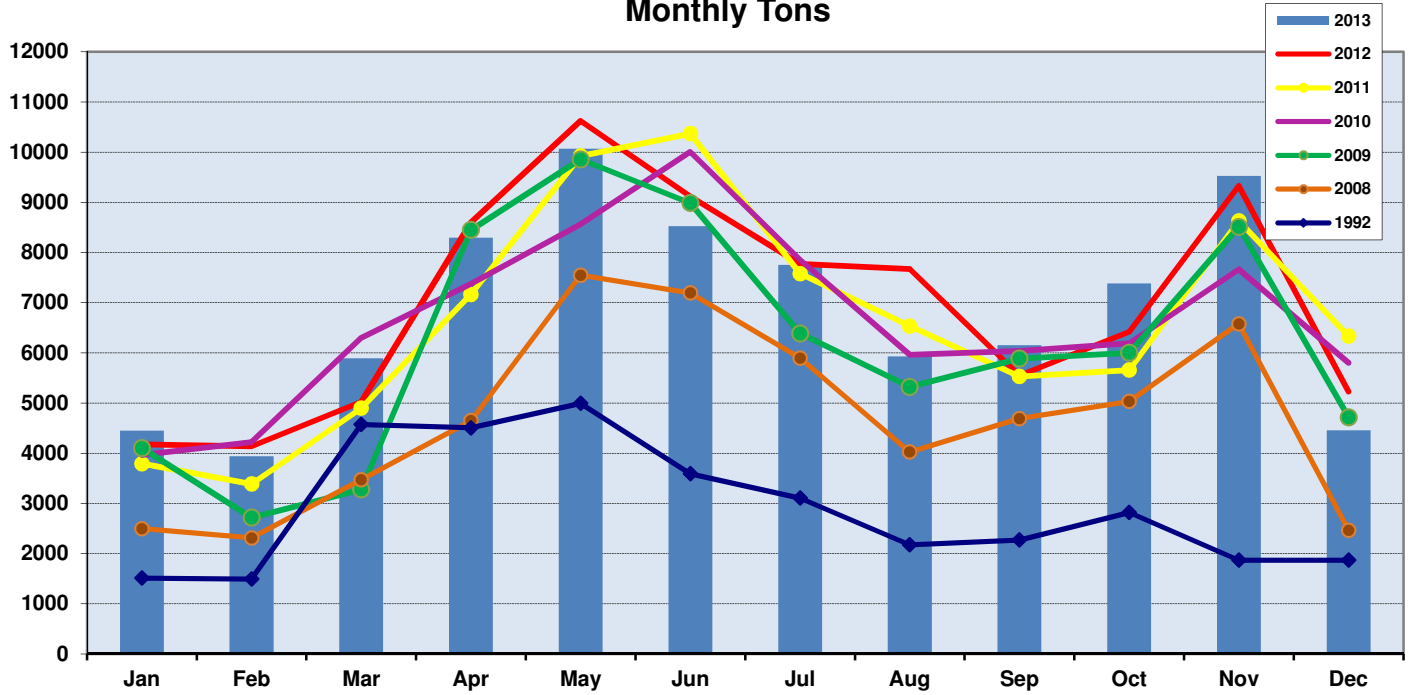
| Date | Total Premises ¹ | | # of Premise Subscribers | | Subscription Rate | | Can Premis - % Organics Subscriptions by Type | | | | | | Dumpster Premis - % Organics Subscriptions by Type | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Can Garb Premis ² | Dumpster Garb Premis ³ | Can Premis | Multifamily Dumpster Premis | Total Can Prem Sign Ups | Total Dumpster Prem Sign Ups | 13 Gal | 32 Gal | 90 Gal | Curb Liner | Onsite Liner | Exempt | Not Signed Up | Curb No Liner | Curb Liner | On Site Liner | Exempt | Not Signed Up |
| Jan-12 | 147,070 | 5,236 | 138,643 | 4,871 | 94.3% | 93.0% | 21.1% | 7.8% | 65.5% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.5% | 1.2% | 40.5% | 39.8% | 15.1% | 2.3% | 4.7% |
| Feb-12 | 147,098 | 5,231 | 138,721 | 4,874 | 94.3% | 93.2% | 21.2% | 7.9% | 65.4% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.5% | 1.2% | 40.4% | 39.9% | 15.2% | 2.3% | 4.5% |
| Mar-12 | 147,242 | 5,225 | 138,865 | 4,873 | 94.3% | 93.3% | 21.3% | 8.0% | 65.2% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.5% | 1.2% | 40.3% | 40.1% | 15.3% | 2.3% | 4.5% |
| Apr-12 | 147,344 | 5,220 | 139,135 | 4,940 | 94.4% | 94.6% | 21.3% | 8.1% | 65.2% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.5% | 1.1% | 40.1% | 41.4% | 15.5% | 2.2% | 3.1% |
| May-12 | 147,522 | 5,213 | 139,518 | 4,938 | 94.6% | 94.7% | 21.2% | 8.2% | 65.3% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.5% | 1.0% | 39.9% | 41.6% | 15.5% | 2.3% | 3.0% |
| Jun-12 | 147,650 | 5,208 | 139,735 | 4,939 | 94.6% | 94.8% | 21.2% | 8.3% | 65.3% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.4% | 0.9% | 39.7% | 41.8% | 15.6% | 2.3% | 2.9% |
| Jul-12 | 146,904 | 5,203 | 139,149 | 4,941 | 94.7% | 95.0% | 21.1% | 8.4% | 65.4% | 0.2% | 0.02% | 4.4% | 0.9% | 39.7% | 41.8% | 15.8% | 2.3% | 2.8% |
| Aug-12 | 146,971 | 5,205 | 139,378 | 4,945 | 94.8% | 95.0% | 21.2% | 8.5% | 65.3% | 0.2% | 0.02% | 4.4% | 0.8% | 39.6% | 41.8% | 15.9% | 2.3% | 2.7% |
| Sep-12 | 147,007 | 5,207 | 139,593 | 4,957 | 95.0% | 95.2% | 21.2% | 8.6% | 65.2% | 0.2% | 0.02% | 4.4% | 0.7% | 39.7% | 41.9% | 15.9% | 2.2% | 2.6% |
| Oct-12 | 146,939 | 5,207 | 140,183 | 4,984 | 95.4% | 95.7% | 21.7% | 8.7% | 65.2% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.4% | 0.2% | 39.9% | 42.1% | 16.0% | 2.2% | 2.0% |
| Nov-12 | 146,894 | 5,207 | 140,172 | 4,985 | 95.4% | 95.7% | 21.7% | 8.8% | 65.1% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.2% | 39.7% | 42.2% | 16.1% | 2.2% | 2.0% |
| Dec-12 | 147,654 | 5,206 | 140,919 | 4,986 | 95.4% | 95.8% | 21.7% | 8.8% | 65.0% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.2% | 39.6% | 42.4% | 16.1% | 2.2% | 2.0% |
| Jan-13 | 147,590 | 5,205 | 140,869 | 4,988 | 95.4% | 95.8% | 21.8% | 8.9% | 64.9% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.4% | 0.2% | 39.4% | 42.6% | 16.2% | 2.2% | 2.0% |
| Feb-13 | 147,616 | 5,208 | 140,938 | 4,991 | 95.5% | 95.8% | 21.8% | 9.0% | 64.7% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.4% | 0.2% | 39.2% | 42.6% | 16.4% | 2.3% | 1.8% |
| Mar-13 | 147,694 | 5,203 | 141,048 | 4,989 | 95.5% | 95.9% | 21.8% | 9.1% | 64.7% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.2% | 38.9% | 42.9% | 16.4% | 2.3% | 1.8% |
| Apr-13 | 147,792 | 5,204 | 141,218 | 4,991 | 95.6% | 95.9% | 21.8% | 9.2% | 64.7% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.1% | 38.4% | 43.3% | 16.6% | 2.3% | 1.8% |
| May-13 | 147,931 | 5,206 | 141,402 | 4,994 | 95.6% | 95.9% | 21.7% | 9.4% | 64.7% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.1% | 38.0% | 43.4% | 16.8% | 2.3% | 1.7% |
| Jun-13 | 148,027 | 5,201 | 141,563 | 4,985 | 95.6% | 95.8% | 21.6% | 9.4% | 64.8% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.1% | 37.3% | 44.1% | 16.8% | 2.4% | 1.8% |
| Jul-13 | 148,035 | 5,202 | 141,632 | 4,991 | 95.7% | 95.9% | 21.5% | 9.5% | 64.8% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 36.8% | 44.4% | 16.9% | 2.3% | 1.7% |
| Aug-13 | 148,075 | 5,205 | 141,685 | 4,996 | 95.7% | 96.0% | 21.5% | 9.6% | 64.7% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 36.4% | 44.8% | 16.9% | 2.3% | 1.7% |
| Sep-13 | 148,105 | 5,212 | 141,766 | 5,002 | 95.7% | 96.0% | 21.5% | 9.7% | 64.6% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 36.1% | 45.1% | 16.9% | 2.4% | 1.7% |
| Oct-13 | 148,106 | 5,214 | 141,804 | 4,999 | 95.7% | 95.9% | 21.6% | 9.8% | 64.5% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 35.7% | 45.4% | 16.9% | 2.4% | 1.7% |
| Nov-13 | 148,053 | 5,219 | 141,754 | 5,004 | 95.7% | 95.9% | 21.5% | 9.8% | 64.5% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 35.3% | 45.7% | 17.0% | 2.4% | 1.7% |
| Dec-13 | 148,061 | 5,217 | 141,767 | 5,003 | 95.7% | 95.9% | 21.6% | 9.9% | 64.4% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 35.0% | 45.9% | 17.1% | 2.6% | 1.5% |
| 2013 Avg | 147,924 | 5,208 | 141,454 | 4,994 | 95.6% | 95.9% | 21.6% | 9.4% | 64.7% | 0.2% | 0.03% | 4.3% | 0.1% | 37.2% | 44.2% | 16.7% | 2.4% | 1.7% |
| 2012 Avg | 147,191 | 5,214 | 139,501 | 4,936 | 94.8% | 94.7% | 21.3% | 8.3% | 65.3% | 0.1% | 0.02% | 4.4% | 0.8% | 39.9% | 41.4% | 15.7% | 2.3% | 3.1% |
| 2011 Avg | 147,037 | 5,299 | 138,763 | 2,934 | 94.4% | 55.4% | 21.0% | 7.2% | 66.0% | 0.1% | 0.01% | 4.6% | 1.0% | 40.0% | 11.6% | 4.9% | 0.8% | 43.8% |
| 2010 Avg | 146,677 | 5,369 | 137,139 | 2,349 | 93.5% | 43.8% | 20.5% | 5.9% | 66.9% | | | 4.8% | 2.3% | 41.1% | 1.9% | 1.3% | 0.3% | 55.7% |
| 2009 Avg | 145,826 | 5,421 | 130,844 | 2,123 | 89.7% | 39.2% | 16.9% | 1.0% | 72.4% | | | 1.9% | 7.9% | 40.6% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 59.0% |

1. A Premise is essentially a structure - so a single family house would count as one premise, a tri-plex with 3 housing units counts as one premise and an apartment building with 25 housing units would also count as one premise

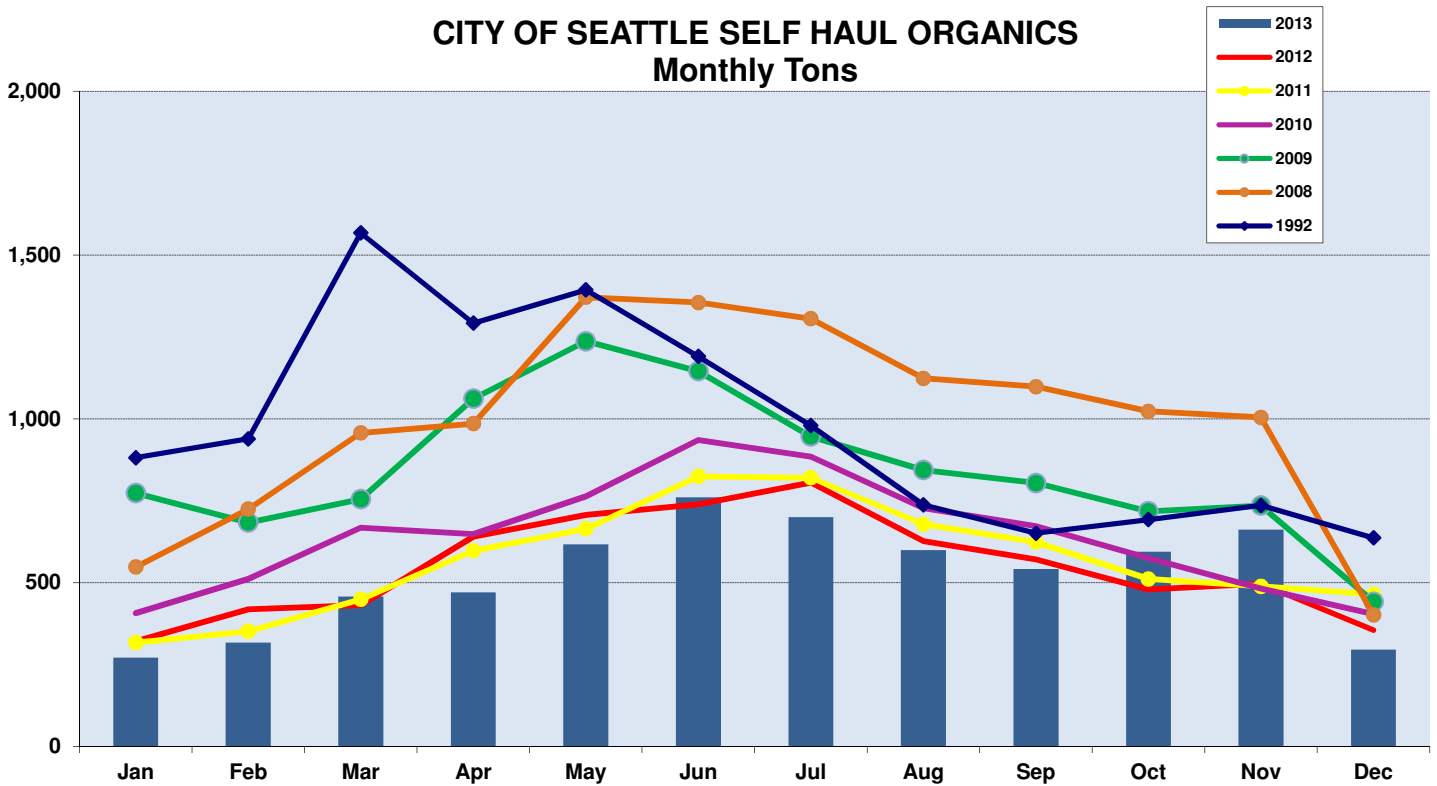
2. Can Garb Premis refers to customers that subscribe to can garbage service.

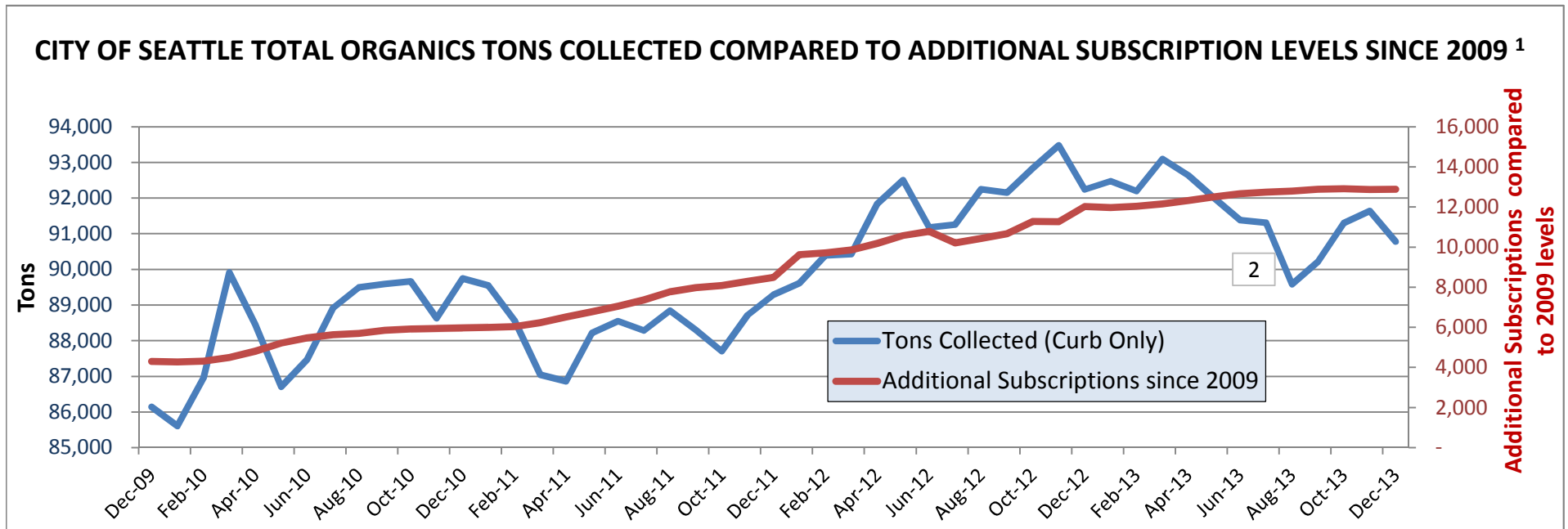
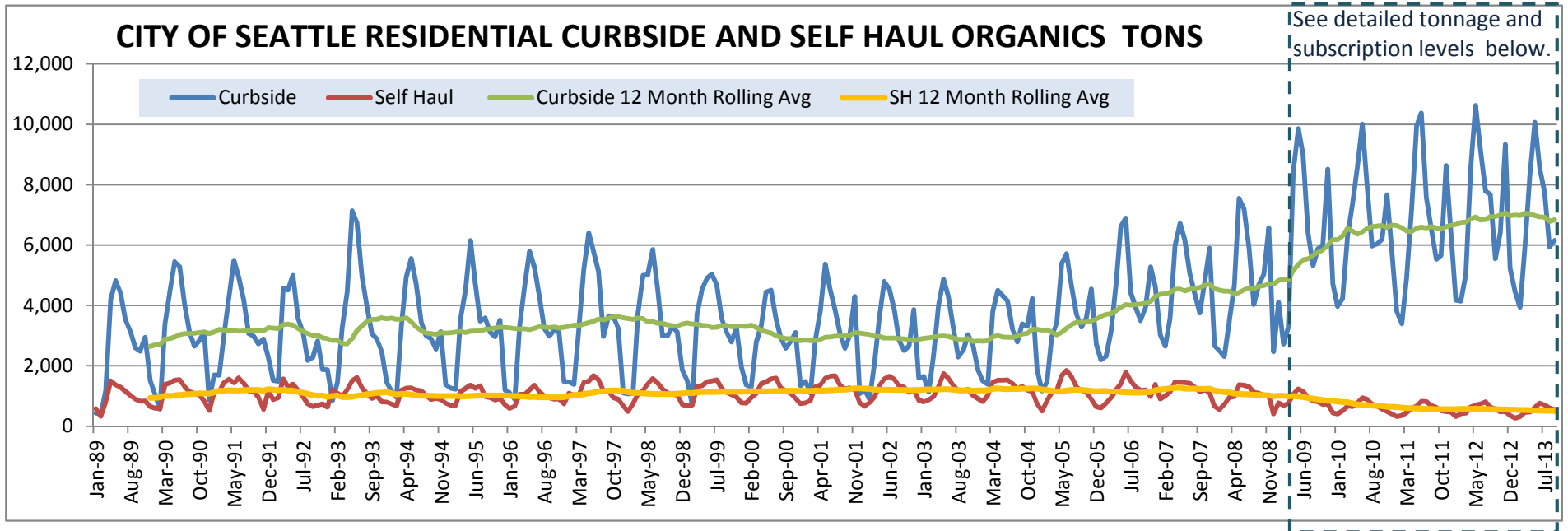
3. Dumpster Garb Premis refers to customers that subscribe to dumpster garbage service. Dumpster Premis are typically Apartment buildings.

CITY OF SEATTLE CURBSIDE ORGANICS Monthly Tons



CITY OF SEATTLE SELF HAUL ORGANICS Monthly Tons

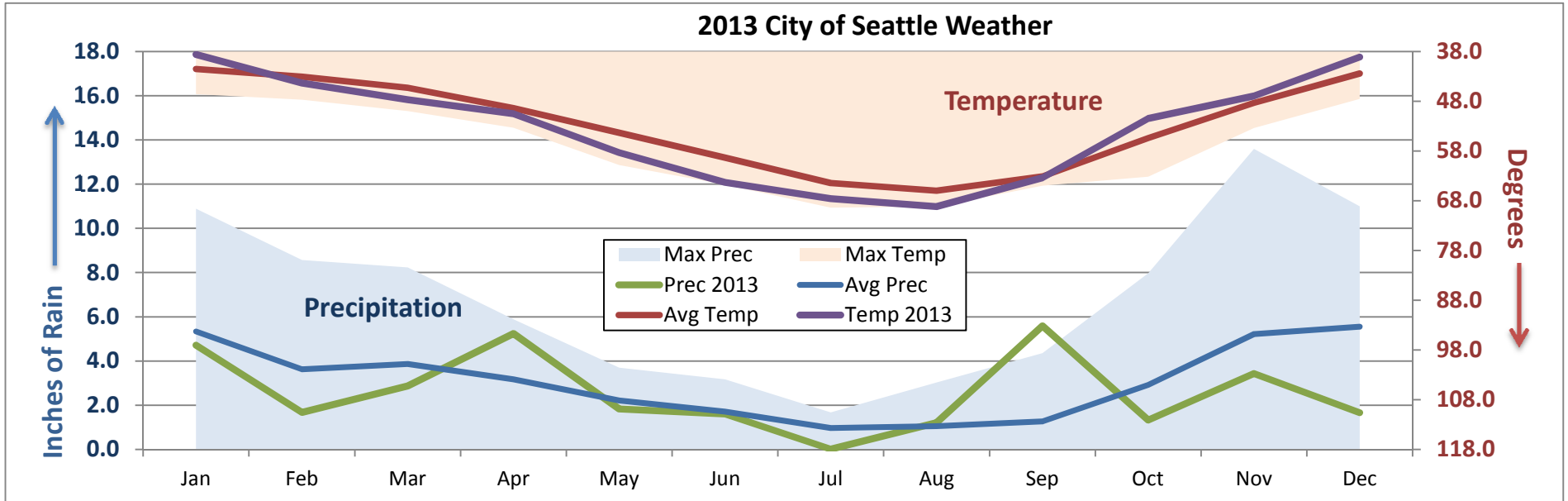




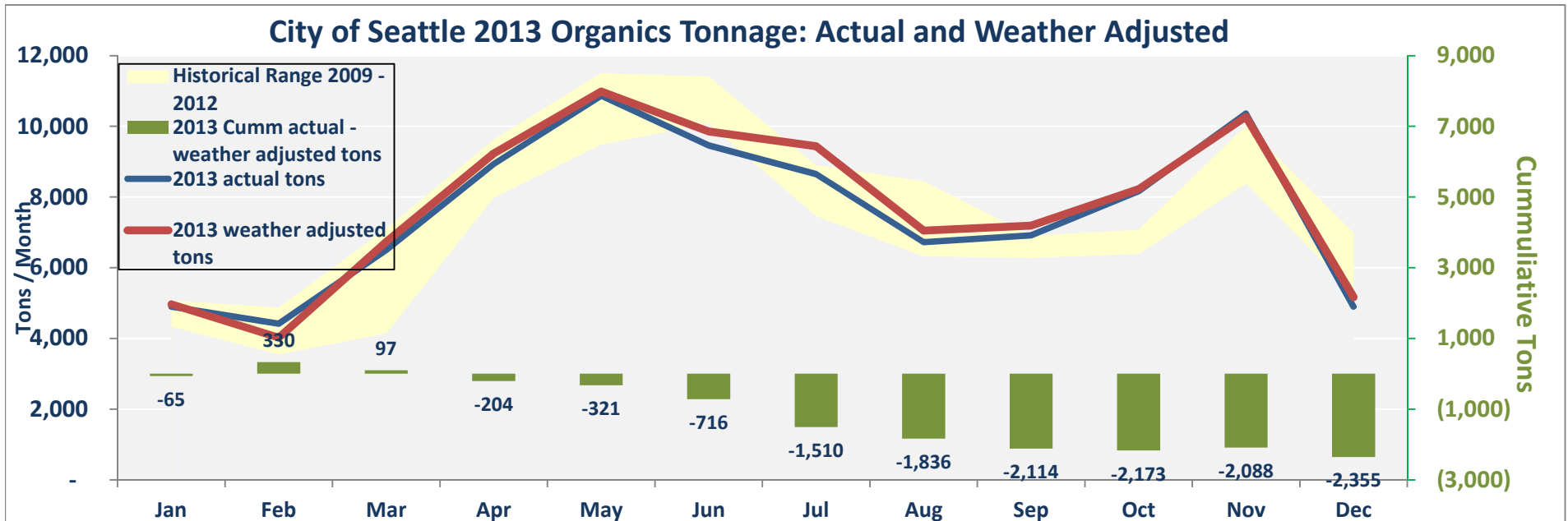
1. In April 2009 subscription to curbside organics service became mandatory for single family residents. In September 2011 mandatory subscription to curbside organics service expanded to multi-plex and multi-family customers. on organics tonnage.

2. Drier and warmer than average weather in 2013 contributed to a drop in Organics tonnage. See Weather Impact charts for more details

Weather Impacts on Organics Tonnage



2013 was a warmer than average year (Feb to Aug) with only 2 rainy months (Apr & Nov). Drier weather results in a decrease in Organics (yard waste). In the chart below, notice the rainy months (April & September) contribute to an increase in tonnage in later months (May & October/November).



This chart shows what the estimated Organics tonnage would be if we had average weather (red line) in 2013 compared to the actual 2013 tonnage (blue line).

The yellow area shows the minimum and maximum range of tonnage the past 4 years.

The cumulative difference in weather adjusted tons compared to actual tons from Jan - Dec 2013 is negative 2,355 tons (green bars). This means an estimated additional 2,355 tons of Organics would have been collected in Seattle if we would have had average weather in 2013.