

Dear Tenant,

Seattle has a well-deserved reputation as a recycling city. However, Seattle spends more than \$26 million every year to send 920 million pounds of garbage to a landfill, where the garbage just sits for thousands of years. About 25% of Seattle's garbage is still made up of recyclable items such as paper, cardboard, and cans and bottles.

A City of Seattle ordinance requires all businesses and residences (including apartments, townhouses and condominiums) to recycle. Keeping recyclables out of the garbage will save Seattle residents as much as \$2 million each year and help keep future garbage bills lower.

Ordinance 121372 states:

“As of January 1, 2005, all residents...shall separate paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles and jars, and aluminum and tins cans for recycling; and no paper, cardboard, glass or plastic bottles and jars and aluminum or tin cans shall be deposited in the garbage.”

If a garbage container has significant amounts of recyclables (more than 10% by volume), a \$50 surcharge may be added to the account garbage bill. Why waste a good thing? Please participate by putting all of your recyclable paper, cardboard, cans and bottles in recycling containers. Food-soiled paper cannot go in the recycling container, but can go in the food/yard waste container where available.

Our recycling containers are located \_\_\_\_\_  
Please refer to the recycling information posted near those locations.

If you have questions about recycling, you can call 206-684-3000 or 1-800-RECYCLE or visit [www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Recycling](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Recycling).

This recycling ordinance benefits all of us. I would be glad to talk with you if you if have a question about our building's recycling system. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Apartment Manager Name