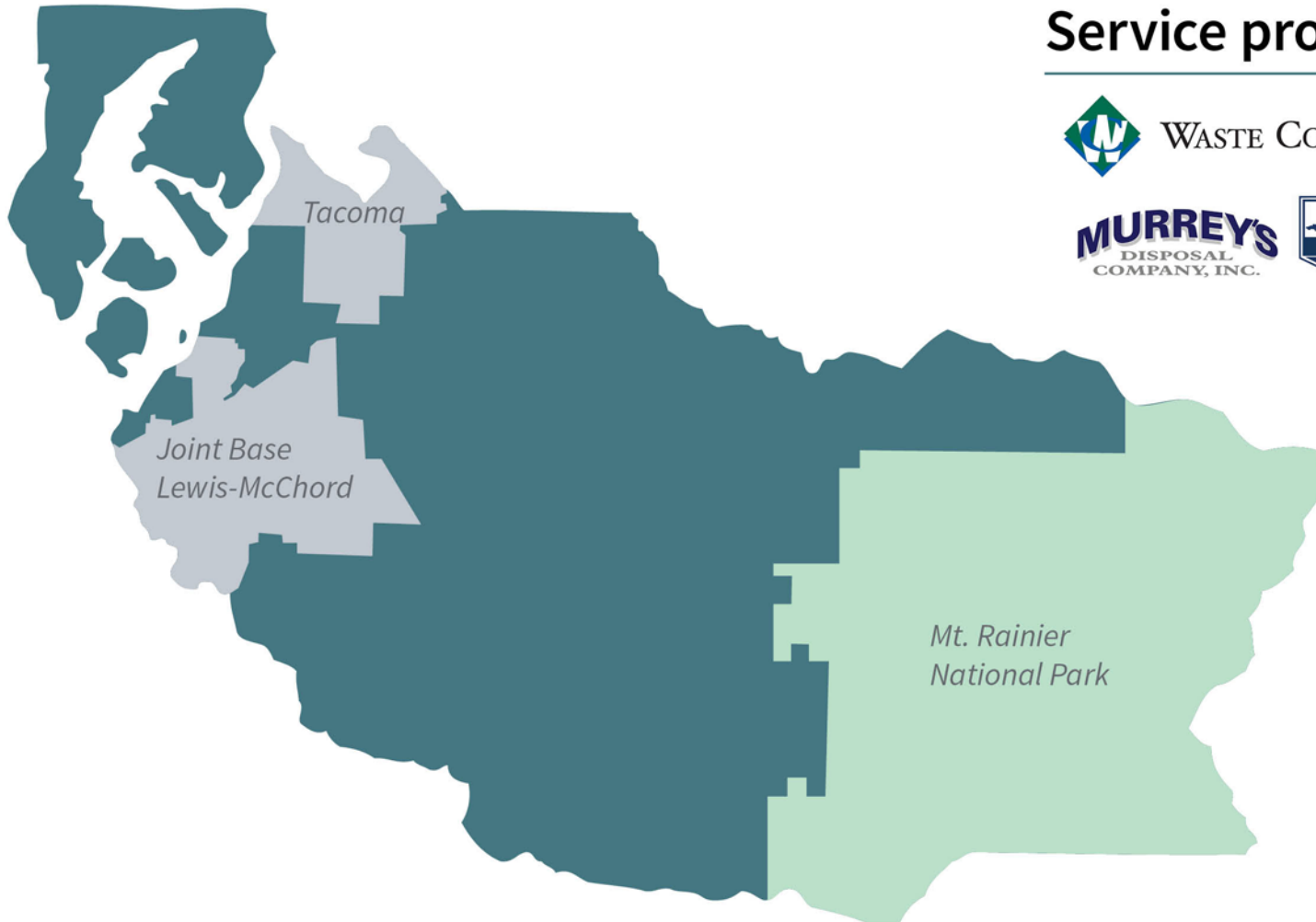




Multifamily Outreach

in Pierce County

Pierce County overview



Service providers



WASTE CONNECTIONS COMPANIES



Population

861,000 total

641,000 in solid waste system

Households

196,000 single family

46,000 multifamily

Recycling program

RECYCLING

PREPARATION
empty · clean (quick rinse) · no lids

PLASTIC

Recycle plastics by shape.
Ignore numbers/symbols on packaging.



bottles
non-prescription ok

jugs

tubs
and jars

buckets and
plant pots

PAPER



refrigerated
cartons

paper
boxes

mixed paper
shredded paper must
be in a paper bag

paper bags
and cardboard
flatten boxes

METAL



aluminum cans

metal cans

NO GLASS
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP
NO BAGGED RECYCLABLES



Revised 2/17



piercecountywa.org/recycle

GARBAGE

Want to know why some things belong in the garbage?
piercecountywa.org/reminders



plastic
packaging

crinkly
plastics

non-refrigerated
cartons

foam trays
and containers

aluminum foil,
pans and plates

SINGLE-USE ITEMS:



paper
plates

paper towels
and napkins

paper
cups

plastic
cups

utensils
and straws

coffee
pods



prescription
bottles

greasy pizza boxes

all lids

NO ELECTRONICS
NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

DROP-OFF

Find locations for these items plus options for electronics, appliances, mattresses,
donations, foam packaging and more: piercecountywa.org/recyclemenu



glass



plastic bags and wrap
(at participating grocery stores)



household hazards

Standard outreach

Dear Resident,

Mountain Vista Apartments needs your help to make recycling successful and keep waste costs down for all of us. Please do not put garbage in the dark blue recycling containers!

You received a door hanger with a magnet that shows you what to recycle and what to throw away.

Please tear off the magnet and put it on your refrigerator.

If you need another one, please go to the Manager's Office.



Recycle!

Remember to always recycle:

- Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles



Questions?
piercecounitywa.org/recycle or (253) 798-2179

Thank you for your help to make recycling successful!

Tips and Reminders

Don't bag your recyclables!

Recyclables should be loose when they go into the recycling container outside. If you use a bag to take out the recycling, please empty and reuse it.

Kids and chores

If your children take out the garbage and recycling please go with them a few times to make sure they put things in the right containers, and that the recyclables go loose into the container.

Nearby Glass Drop-off Site

next to Sumner Food Bank
 15625 E Main St. | Open 24/7



Put this magnet on your fridge!

Thank you for recycling!

Always recycle:

1. Cardboard (flatten boxes first)
2. Aluminum cans
3. Plastic bottles



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Moving?

Find options for recycling or donating items you don't want to take with you: piercecounitywa.org/recyclemenu

Tear off the magnet below and use it to help you remember what's recyclable and what goes in the garbage

RECYCLING

PREPARATION: empty - clean (quick rinse) - no lids

Recyclables to include:

- METAL:** refrigerated cans, aluminum cans, metal cans
- PAPER:** bottles, non-recycled paper, paper boxes, mixed paper (be in a paper bag), paper bags and cardboard boxes
- PLASTIC:** bottles and jugs, tubs and jugs, bottles and plastic jugs

NO GLASS - STAYS IN TRAIL
NO MIXED RECYCLABLES

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GARBAGE

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Recyclables that have been pre-approved for electronic, appliance, mattress, television, lawn, packaging and more: piercecounitywa.org/recyclemenu

NO MIXED RECYCLABLES
NO HAZARDOUS WASTE

DROP-OFF

Recyclables to include:

- SINGLE USE ITEMS:** plastic, rigidly plastics, non-refrigrated cartons
- PAPER:** paper towels and napkins, paper cups, plastic cups
- GLASS:** prescription bottles, green pizza boxes, glass
- PLASTIC:** plastic bags and wrap (for packaging only present)
- HAZARDOUS WASTE:** all liquids, aluminum foil, pens and markers, coffee pods, utensils and knives

household hazards

Standard outreach

RECYCLING

PREPARATION
empty · clean (quick rinse) · no lids

PLASTIC

Recycle plastics by shape.
Ignore numbers/symbols on packaging.



PAPER



METAL



NO GARBAGE
NO GLASS
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP
NO BAGGED RECYCLABLES
(EMPTY BAGS INTO BIN)

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GARBAGE

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DROP-OFF

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Feedback and follow up

Recycling report card

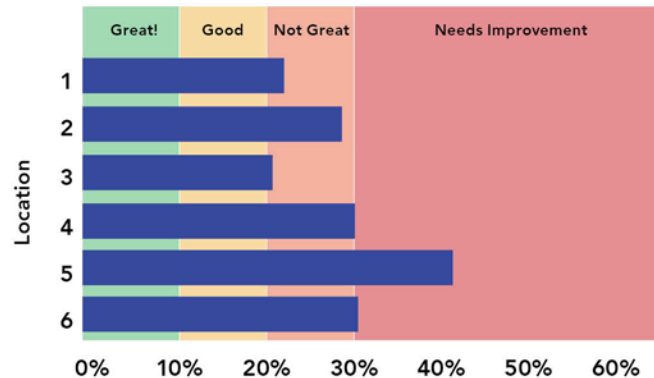
We looked in the garbage at both Addison Greens and River Trail to see how much of it was recyclable.

Right now, residents at Addison Greens are better recyclers.

To help everyone do better, you are receiving a door hanger with reminders for recycling, garbage and drop-off options. Please tear off the magnet and put it on your refrigerator.



Recyclables in the garbage by location



Always recycle:

1. Cardboard (*flatten boxes first*)
2. Aluminum cans
3. Plastic bottles

Thank you for recycling!

It's the right thing to do!



piercecountywa.org/recycle



Recycling and Trash Feedback
Multifamily Recycling Support

Complex _____ Date _____

RECYCLING

What is in the recycling container?

- Cardboard boxes not broken down
- Contaminants in recycling
 - Glass Other: _____
- Hazardous materials in recycling
 - Needles Sharp metal Propane tank Other explosive

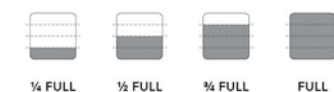
How does the recycling container area look?

- Clean
- Needs improvement (*see section on work performed*)
- Container lids open (*not for resident convenience*)
- Container needs maintenance (*circle*)
 - Broken wheel/s Broken or missing lid/s Rusty
 - Outdated labels Damaged labels No labels

Work performed (recycling)

- Broke down cardboard boxes in the container
- Broke down/recycled cardboard boxes left on ground
- Put recyclables on the ground into container
- Removed recyclables from plastic bags in container
- Removed contaminants and put in trash
 - Glass Other: _____

Recycling container



Service day

MON
TUE
WED
THU
FRI

TRASH

What is in the trash container?

- Cardboard boxes in the trash
- Other recyclables (*circle*)
 - Aluminum cans Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs Paper

How does the trash container area look?

- Clean
- Needs improvement (*see section on work performed*)
- Evidence of birds/animals getting into trash
- Container lids open (*not for resident convenience*)
- Container needs maintenance
 - Broken wheel/s Broken or missing lid/s Rusty
 - Outdated labels Damaged labels No labels

Work performed (trash)

- Broke down cardboard boxes and put in recycling
- Broke down/recycled cardboard boxes left on ground
- Put trash on the ground into container
- Removed recyclables and put in recycling (*circle*)
 - Aluminum cans Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs Paper

Trash container



Service day

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Comments

Earth Matters newsletter



Tackle Holiday Waste

Packaging: It's the unintended "gift" of the holiday season. From bubble wrap to cellophane to bulging plastic molds in every shape and size, your trash bin could fill up much too quickly. And while your good intentions might whisper, "just recycle it," doing so may contaminate the rest of your recycling and cause even more waste.

- Tips for a Sustainable Season:**
- Stick with simple wrapping paper (no sparkles or metallic shine).
 - Package fragile gifts with newspaper instead of foam peanuts.
 - Reuse gift bags, boxes, ribbon and other wrapping materials.
 - Make your own recyclable gift wrap by decorating paper bags and newspaper.
 - Avoid over-packaged products by giving the gift of experiences.
- Find more ideas at: piercescountywa.org/lesswaste



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- Apartment Recycling Outreach
- Winter Eco Explorer Camp
- Holiday Reminders

Sign up to receive Earth Matters updates at: piercescountywa.org/earthmatters



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30 YEARS Environmental Education PIERCE COUNTY 30 years and better than ever!

Thirty years ago, there was no curbside recycling or yard waste collection, just garbage. If you wanted to recycle, you visited a drop-off location that couldn't accept much more than aluminum cans and newspaper. Pierce County's solid waste division had just one educator to promote our new curbside recycling program and offer a few lessons at schools.

Fast forward to today: Our team of four educators serve the Pierce County community and its schools, working with teachers to custom-build programs that align with reading, math, social studies and science curriculums. They visit classrooms all over the county, teaching kindergartners about worms and composting, guiding third graders on upcycled art projects, and helping eighth graders measure the health of water from creek samples nearby—all in an average week!

READ MORE INSIDE



inside

- Classes and Shred Events
- Recycling Right
- New Code Enforcement Portal

Sign up for Earth Matters updates at piercescountywa.org/earthmatters

share your story

“My 10-year-old grandson and I attended a worm class about five years ago. The instructor was very informative and helpful in teaching us the life cycle, care and feeding of our worm bins. We both still have our 'worm farms' to this day, and we have a very healthy organic garden.”

Thank you for your community education classes. We benefited for a lifetime.”

—Joyce Barron & Ethen Clay

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Consistent service

Standard colors



Consistent service

Standard labels

MIXED RECYCLING

PREPARATION
empty - clean (quick rinse) - no lids

PLASTIC
bottles jug caps and jugs buckets and plant pots

PAPER
refrigerated cartons paper boxes mixed paper paper bags and cardboard floor boxes

METAL
aluminum cans metal cans

RECYCLING ONLY

piercountywa.org/recycle

NO GLASS | NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP | NO BAGGED RECYCLABLES

DO NOT BLOCK

D.M. RECYCLING
(253) 414-0361  dm-recycling.com

Consistent service

Standard labels

GARBAGE

**DO NOT
BLOCK**



Refuse and Recycling
(253) 875-5053 uprefuse.com

CARDBOARD

PREPARATION
empty - break down and flatten boxes
CARDBOARD

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NO PLASTIC BAGS | NO FOAM PACKAGING

RECYCLING



ONLY

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BLOCK**



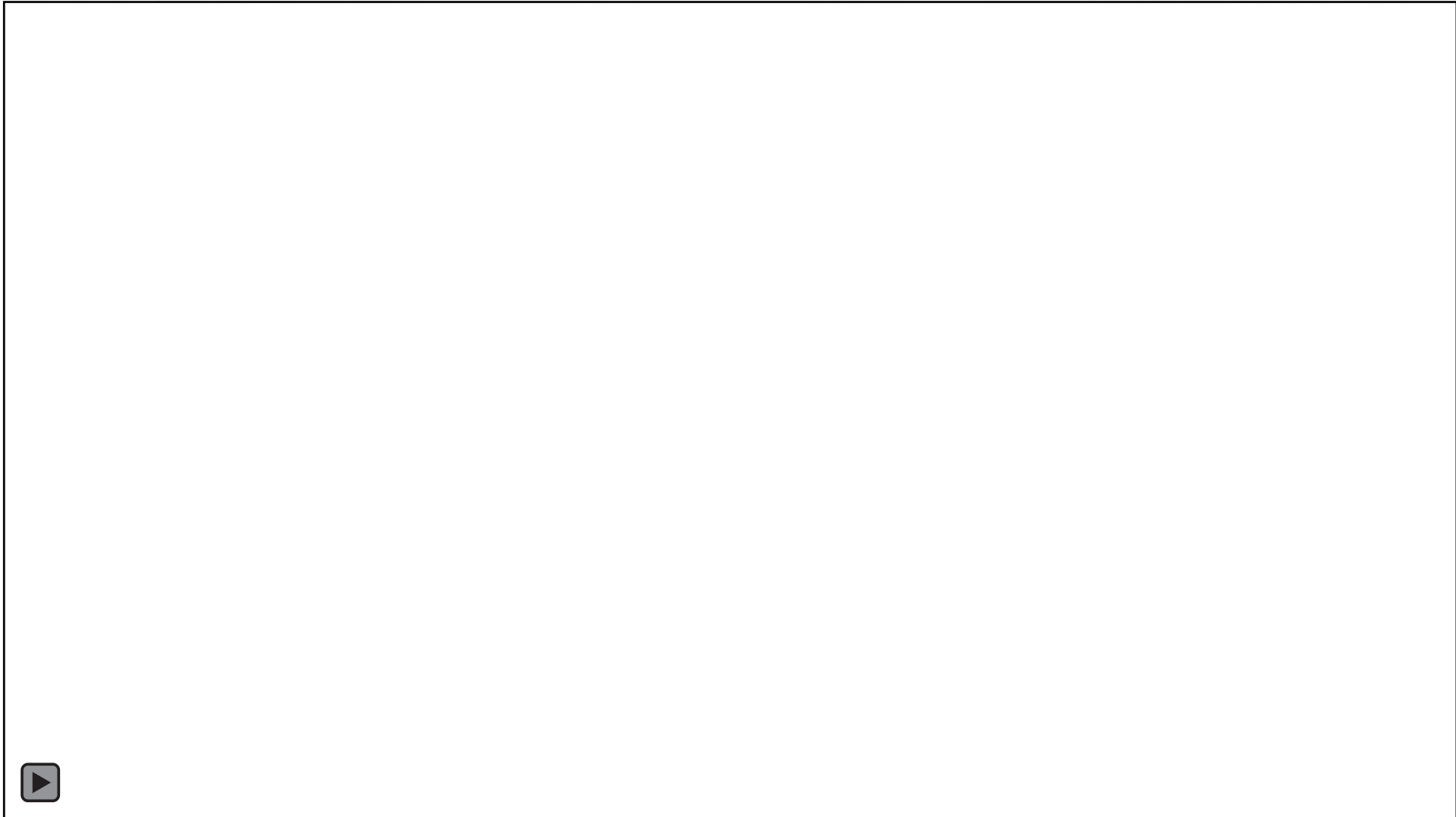
**Pierce
County
Refuse**



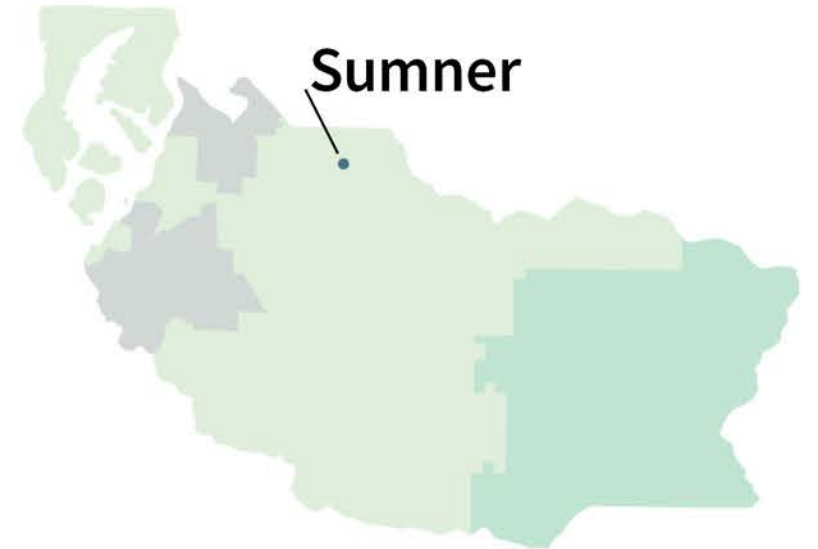
A Waste Connections Company
(253) 875-5053
lemaypiercescountyrefuse.com



What multifamily outreach feels like...



Mountain Vista



60 units

Murrey's Disposal

Mountain Vista



Mountain Vista

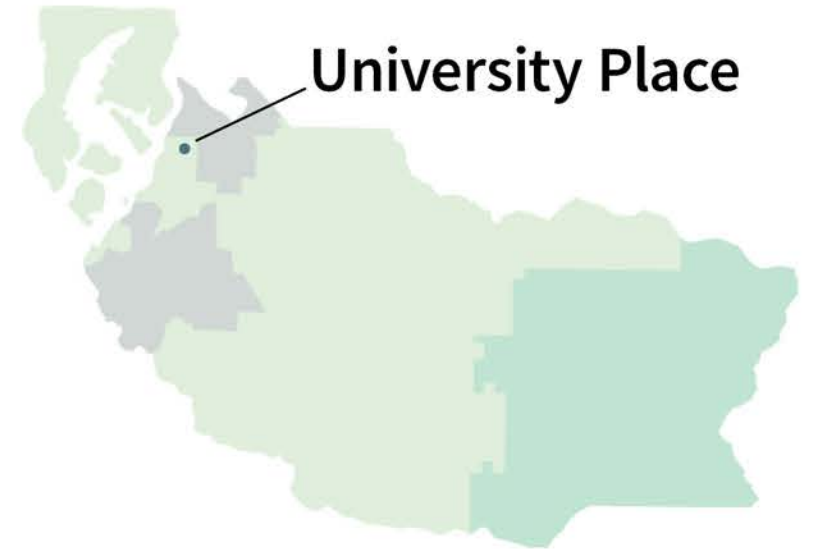


Tips

Check in frequently, especially at first.

Communicate with *everyone*.

Stone Pointe



240 units

University Place Refuse & Recycling

Stone Pointe



Stone Pointe



Tips

Tackle the problem in stages.

Meet face-to-face with property managers.

Lakeshore



383 units

LeMay Pierce County Refuse

Lakeshore



Lakeshore



Tips

Relationships matter.

There is no shortcut or magic solution.