

Bainbridge Island Zero Waste Accomplishments 2018

The mission of BIZW is to reduce the amount of trash generated on Bainbridge Island through reduction of resource use or diversion of resources bound for the landfill by reusing, recycling or composting.

Black print=goals

Red print=accomplishments

1. Collaborate with community organizations, individuals and institutions.
Received the Washington State Recycling Association's 2018 Non-Profit Recycler of the Year award
 - a. Increase our understanding of our related organizations' needs, economics, educational outreach, and promotional activities. Those organizations include
 - Bainbridge Disposal (BD)
 1. Requested to greet users at transfer station but did not
 2. Handed out new fliers until realized that did not apply to residential curbside customers
 - Kitsap Solid Waste (KSW)
 1. Dispersal of new multifamily outdoor recycling signs with <50 units
 2. Handed out new recycling fliers
 3. Managed lunchtime waste at Kitsap Water Festival
 - City hall
 1. Sit in on Green Team meetings
 2. Provided new recycling face plates for Big Bellies
 - Chamber of Commerce manage waste at 4th of July
 - Sustainable Bainbridge - provide support at events they help sponsor
 1. ABC conference resource person
 2. Panelist at climate movie series "Wasted" (food waste)
 - Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Department we benefit through materials and information they provide us
 - Zero Waste Washington (ZWW)
 1. Publicize their quarterly newsletter
 2. Participate in beach litter app trial
 - b. Continue to be available for special projects within the community or at individual ZW members' requests.
 1. Holiday lights recycling at Ace (recurring Nov-Jan)
 2. Styrofoam and CD recycling (recurring Jan & July) – January figures: 3500 cu ft (=semi-trailer) of snapped Styro, including 100+coolers, was amassed, as well as 1700CDs (~200 reused) and 1400 CD cases (~400 reused). Around 170 cars passed through. Donations tallied \$335.
 3. Strawless campaign (new ZW initiative)- Survey restaurants on straw policy and suggest wait till customer requests and then hand out paper or reusable straw
 4. Shoe recycling collection-promote (community member initiative)
 5. Recycling within Parks and Rec (ZW member request) – Met with director about classrooms and parks
 6. Promoted V Calvez' plastic brick project – Farmers' Market table, ZW website and email
 - c. Work on creating uniform guidelines throughout Bainbridge Island for recycling and composting.

2. Identify individuals at facilities and organizations (educational, retail, restaurant, entertainment, religious, nonprofit, multifamily) who have an interest in creating a culture of waste prevention and reduction. Assist them with updating recycling and compost information and best practices for waste management and possible acquisition of containers.
 - a. Develop and implement a plan to assist condo associations to create improved practices of waste management – Give new recycling outdoor “cage” posters (5 places)
 - b. The Island School – yard waste cart
 - c. Senior Center – 12-gallon indoor compost containers

3. Educate the community on best waste reduction and diversion practices.
 - a. Publish a ZW one-sheet periodically to place in public spaces (city hall, parks department, the Marge, Chamber of Commerce) – Spring issue published (Judy Tingley, ed), but distribution on hold due to conflicting recycling information put out by Bainbridge Disposal
 - b. Write occasional press releases or articles for publication in a local newspaper or magazine.
 - c. Continue to table at the Farmers’ Market monthly with a dedicated theme each time.
April – Straws, May – Which items are recyclable/compostable?, June – Styro promo, Rotary and July 4th help, July – Van’s plastic bottle insulation project; new Bainbridge Disposal recycling rules, August – Beach Cleanup
 - d. Hold special community presentations
 1. Have Dave Stanley informally take recycling questions at Senior Center
 2. Hold showing of the documentary, *Straws*, with panelists Heather Trim, ZWW, and Nicole Harris, marine debris specialist
 - e. Speak to local groups about Zero Waste and waste management on Bainbridge Island – Oatmeal Club presentation
 - f. Continue offering educational opportunities to Zero Waste members, including guest speakers and field trips.
Speakers: Mollie Bogardus (proposed island compost facility)
Field trip: Nucor Steel (recycled metal)
 - g. Actively recruit more Zero Waste members - ZW listserv at 298 (20 added)

4. Offer waste reduction and recycling assistance to the community.
 - a. Continue promoting the tableware lending library.
Late April-Late December > 51 events
 - b. Continue offering waste management (discard stations) assistance at community events.
Farmers’ Market (April-Oct), Land Trust potluck, BOSIA Auction, Rotary, July 3rd Street Dance, July 4th, National Night Out, Helpline 50th (Susan), Taste of Lynwood, Harvest Fair, Winter Wonderland
 - c. Continue offering consultation, supplies and/or educational materials to organizations and individuals.
Event supplies to Helpline’s 50th, Chamber’s Octoberfest, Nomadik Fest