



City of Tualatin

## CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager  
**FROM:** Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst II  
**DATE:** April 11, 2022

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**SUBJECT:**

Metro Regional Waste Plan and Residential Services Standards

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The presentation by Metro representative Sara Kirby will provide an overview of the Regional Waste Plan and the Residential Service Standards, as outlined in Metro Code 5.10 and 5.15. The Regional Waste Plan is the guiding document for the work that local governments and Metro collectively do in the solid waste arena. It is both a strategic level plan and a blueprint for this work, leaning on the two pillars of the plan - environment and equity.

The Regional Service Standards set the base level of service for all government recycling collection programs in greater Portland. This includes standards for education and outreach, as well as collection standards for residences and businesses. These standards help to provide consistent services throughout the region.

New standards for multifamily services were adopted to implement high-priority 2030 Regional Waste Plan actions. The most significant changes include:

- required use of regional signage on bins and in collection areas
- per unit service volume minimums for garbage, mixed recycling and glass streams
- weekly minimum collection frequency for all streams
- collection container color standard for all material streams.

**POTENTIAL ACTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Staff is looking for Council guidance as to whether to move forward with a possible ordinance to adopt Metro's Residential Services Standards. This ordinance would apply to all residential customers, including single-family and multifamily customers and would outline new minimum service standards for garbage and recycling collection.

These standards would set new base level of service and require the City of Tualatin's sole franchise waste hauler, Republic Services, to abide by a city ordinance, message changes to the appropriate parties in the city, and support changes required. Staff conversations with Republic Services have shown them to be willing and in agreement with the proposed changes.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Metro Regional Waste Plan and Residential Service Standards Presentation
- FAQs Multifamily Residential Service Standards