



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

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On Dec. 11, 2018, King County's Solid Waste Division announced a proposal to temporarily extend operating hours at two disposal facilities to accommodate for traffic disruptions expected when the State Route 99 Viaduct in Seattle closes permanently on Jan. 11, 2019.

After careful review of comments and suggestions from nine interested parties during a 15-day comment period, King County will temporarily extend the hours of operation at Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, located at 16645 228th Ave. SE in Maple Valley, and the Houghton Transfer Station, located at 11724 NE 60th St. in Kirkland.

The purpose of the extended hours, which will be in effect from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1, 2019, is to give King County Solid Waste Division haulers the flexibility to operate outside peak commute times if necessary.

The Cedar Hills Regional Landfill currently operates from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, and the proposed change will extend operating hours to 10 p.m. on weekdays to enable operations crews to process garbage brought in after hours by King County Solid Waste Division trucks.

The Houghton Transfer Station currently operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The proposed change will extend hours for King County Solid Waste Division trucks only until 10 p.m. on weekdays. Operating hours for the public will be unchanged.

State Route 99 is a major transportation corridor that serves one of largest seaports on the West Coast. For that reason, the three-week closure of the State Route 99 could have a significant impact to traffic beyond the downtown Seattle area. According to a briefing to King County staff from a representative of the Washington State Department of Transportation, traffic patterns could shift east and put an additional 100,000 vehicle trips each day onto Interstate 90, Interstate 405, and State Route 520.

To minimize impacts to nearby residents of these facilities, Solid Waste Division employees will make all reasonable efforts to conclude weekday operations as early as possible. In the event the SR 99 work concludes prior to Feb. 1, the facilities will revert to normal operating hours. During the temporarily extended operating hours, no additional work will be scheduled beyond the truck hauling and garbage processing.

Under [King County Code, Section 10.10.025](#), the Solid Waste Division is required to give a 30-day notice of its intention to change the hours of operation at its facilities.

People who experience impacts that could be associated with the extended hours should contact King County's Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466, TTY 711, or submit an [email](#) by visiting Kingcounty.gov/solid-waste and clicking on the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the page.

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