



# Seattle Fines Food Waste - 1

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Seattle will fine people who waste food. It will warn people in January and then fine people in July. There is a \$1 fine if over 10% of garbage is food. The city wants to cut food waste. Americans waste around 40% of their food. Seattle wants to recycle 60% of its waste. It also wants people to compost food waste.

Seattle wants people to understand that recycling is important. It wants people to separate their garbage. A city worker said the fines would not make money. He said the system would be successful. Garbage collectors will look inside garbage bins. They will check for food waste. If they find a lot of food waste, they will give a fine.

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## Seattle Fines Food Waste - 2

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Seattle is starting fines for people who waste food. The city will start warning people in January and then start fining people in July. People will get a \$1 fine if over 10 per cent of their garbage is food. Businesses will get a \$50 fine. The city wants to reduce the amount of food waste. Americans waste around 40 per cent of the food they buy. Seattle aims to recycle 60 per cent of its waste. It is also the second U.S. city to make composting compulsory.

Seattle's waste department wants to raise awareness that recycling is important. A city official told the 'Seattle Times' newspaper that the programme would not make money. He said: "We care more about reminding people to separate their materials." He said he thought the fines system would be successful. Garbage collectors will look inside garbage bins to see how much food waste there is. They can then add a fine to the next garbage bill.

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