

# Algona Transfer Station



Aerial view of Algona Transfer Station

## Fact Sheet

**Overview:** Algona Transfer Station was constructed in the mid-1960s on 4.6 acres of land in the City of Algona. The facility is an open-sided direct dump style transfer building with a scalehouse and trailer parking areas. There are no recycling services at Algona. The transfer station is bordered by undeveloped land on the south, west, and north sides and the West Valley Highway on the east side. The station serves residents and businesses from the Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, and Pacific areas.

The station is nearly 50 years old and needs to be replaced with a larger, modern facility that can offer a wide range of recycling options, support resource recovery, and improved efficiency through waste compaction. The King County Solid Waste Division is in the process of siting the future recycling and transfer station. Learn more about the Algona Transfer Station replacement project [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/algona/index.asp](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/algona/index.asp).

**Location:** 35315 W Valley Hwy, Algona, WA 98001

### Hours of operation

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day*

**What happens to the waste?** The waste is transported in covered trailers by county employees from Algona to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 20 miles away.

### Notable features

- The roof was replaced in 2002 to provide higher vehicle clearance, a column-free interior space, and updated seismic and snow-bearing capacity.
- A gabion wall, pictured at right, is a unique structure made of stacked stone-filled gabions tied together with wire that provides protection from mudslides.
- The concrete tipping floor is supported by timber piles, most of which are above ground.

### 2016 at a glance

- **Who are the customers?** 86 percent of visits were made by self-haul customers, who contributed 25 percent of the total solid waste received at the station. Commercial customers contributed 75 percent of the total solid waste with 14 percent of the visits.
- **Tons of solid waste disposed:** 155,722. This constitutes 18 percent of the total tonnage at all King County transfer stations.
- **Total customer visits:** 146,075



Entrance to the station.



A gabion wall helps prevent damage from mudslides.



Commercial and self-haul customers dump directly into the refuse trailers located in the trailer tunnel, under the chutes, from the tipping floor above. A stationary compactor is used to distribute and tamp the material in the trailer.

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