

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County

PROGRAM SERVICES

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Prevention programs reduce harmful exposures to hazardous materials. Managing hazardous materials properly, choosing less toxic materials and adopting green technologies reduce the amount of hazardous materials being used protecting public health and the environment.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Technical Assistance

On-site evaluations help businesses meet regulatory requirements and manage hazardous materials properly. Businesses receive information on using less toxic chemicals and changes in equipment or practices that can reduce the use and environmental impacts of more toxic products and materials.

Cost Share for Small Business Improvements

The Financial Incentives program offers small businesses matching funds, up to \$599, for business improvements that protect the environment and public health. For every program dollar spent businesses often invest three or more dollars.

EnviroStars Green Business Recognition Program

The EnviroStars certification program offers recognition to businesses that take action to protect the environment and employee health and safety. EnviroStars certified businesses use less toxic chemicals and follow business practices that reduce environmental impacts. Businesses and residents can find services provided by a green business through regional advertisements and online directory.



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Reducing Exposure Risks in the Home

Residential education and outreach increases awareness of the hazardous materials often found in the home or garage. Residents receive information on how to reduce risks by knowing what chemicals are in the products they use by reading the label, using less toxic products and proper storage and disposal. Outreach on the special risks to children from toxic products is also provided.

Customer Call Center

Residents can ask questions about hazardous materials, how to dispose of what is no longer needed and information on less toxic alternatives by calling the Household Hazards Line. The Garden Hotline answers questions and provides practical advice on using less toxic lawn and garden chemicals and techniques.

Community Partnerships

Community-based experts provide outreach, training and assistance resources within the communities we serve.

The **Local Hazardous Waste Management Program** is a regional partnership established to protect and enhance public health and environmental quality throughout King County by **reducing the risks of production, use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.**

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Disposal services at collection facilities, a traveling Wastemobile and city and tribal collection events provide convenient, safe disposal of unwanted hazardous materials for all residents and for businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste.

DISPOSAL SERVICES



Ongoing disposal services in Auburn, Factoria, North Seattle, and South Seattle

Mobile collection events in many communities throughout the year

Events funded through grants to King County cities and tribes

PRODUCT REUSE



Collection facilities set aside the less toxic household products they receive making them available to charity organizations for reuse.

HOME COLLECTION



In-home collection services are available for residents age 65+ and for residents with a disability.

POLICY

SYSTEMS CHANGE THROUGH POLICY

Creating systems change in the production, use and disposal of hazardous materials to help ensure chemicals and products that are safe for people and for our environment.

Working with partners to solve problems through collaboration with state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, communities and industry to change policies and systems and build local knowledge about key issues.

POLICY EXAMPLES

- Secure Medicine Return
- Mercury-Containing Lights
- E-Waste Recycling
- Mercury Thermostats
- Dental Mercury Waste Disposal
- WA Occupational Lead Standards



LHWMP PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

Local Governments Working Together for Health and the Environment

King County Solid Waste Division, King County Water and Land Resources Division, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Seattle Public Utilities, the Sound Cities Association, and the following cities, towns and tribes: Algona, Auburn, Beaux Arts Village, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Hunts Point, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Muckleshoot Tribe, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Tribe, Tukwila, Woodinville, Yarrow Point.