



Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington

PROGRAM MISSION:

The Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County (Program) is a multi-jurisdictional program whose mission is to protect and enhance public health and environmental quality throughout King County by reducing the threat posed by the production, use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.

LEGAL AUTHORITY & GOVERNANCE:

The authority for the establishment of the Program comes from Washington State law (RCW 70.105.220) that required local governments, either individually or jointly, to develop and implement a plan to address hazardous wastes. Our Program is implemented through a "Management Coordination Committee" (MCC.) The MCC was enabled by the Seattle City Council (SMC 10.76) and the King County Board of Health (BOH Code 2.08.) It was also recognized as the Program governing entity by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The MCC sets the strategic direction and the implementation policies for our Program. It operates through the consensus of its five members, which are drawn from each of the Program Partners listed below.

PROGRAM PARTNERS:

- ▲ City of Seattle - **Seattle Public Utilities**
- ▲ King County - Department of Natural Resources and Parks - **Solid Waste Division**
- ▲ King County - Department of Natural Resources and Parks - **Water & Land Resources Division**
- ▲ King County - **Public Health - Seattle & King County**
- ▲ The 34 Suburban Cities in King County - **Suburban Cities Association**

FUNDING & BUDGETING:

Fees from all municipal wastewater treatment facilities, and all public and commercial solid waste disposal activities, in King County, fund our Program. The King County Board of Health sets those fee rates. The Program also receives some revenue from state grants and from interest on the Program's fund balance. Public Health - Seattle & King County administers that fund. Program staff and managers set out goals and service levels for each budget year. Each Program Partner then develops an individual agency budget to meet their service provision target on behalf of the Program. Those individual budgets are approved by the MCC for the Program as a whole and amount to approximately \$14M for the 2009 fiscal year. They are then submitted through each of the respective Program Partner's approval processes, and then adopted by their respective governing bodies. The Program Partners then provide staff to implement Program activities. Approximately 70 staff, and all other Program costs, are paid from the Local Hazardous Waste fund.

AREAS SERVED:

The Program serves the residents and business within the City of Seattle, the unincorporated areas of King County, and the other cities in King County, including: 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, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Some of our Program activities and areas of focus include:

- ▲ Collecting household hazardous waste at 3 fixed & 1 mobile facility;
- ▲ Reducing availability of and exposure to hazardous materials and toxic chemicals;
- ▲ Working with vulnerable and traditionally underserved populations;
- ▲ Preventing contamination of environmentally sensitive areas;
- ▲ Providing disposal, education and prevention assistance with hazardous materials, to businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous substances, to Cities and others.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:

