

2009 Progress Report Update

Washington State's solid and hazardous waste plan, also called the Beyond Waste plan, was adopted November 2004. The purpose of the 30-year plan is to get us to the Beyond Waste vision (see sidebar). Stated simply, the vision is to eliminate most wastes and toxic substances and use any remaining wastes as resources. This document summarizes our progress towards reaching the Beyond Waste vision in the past year.

Beyond Waste Vision

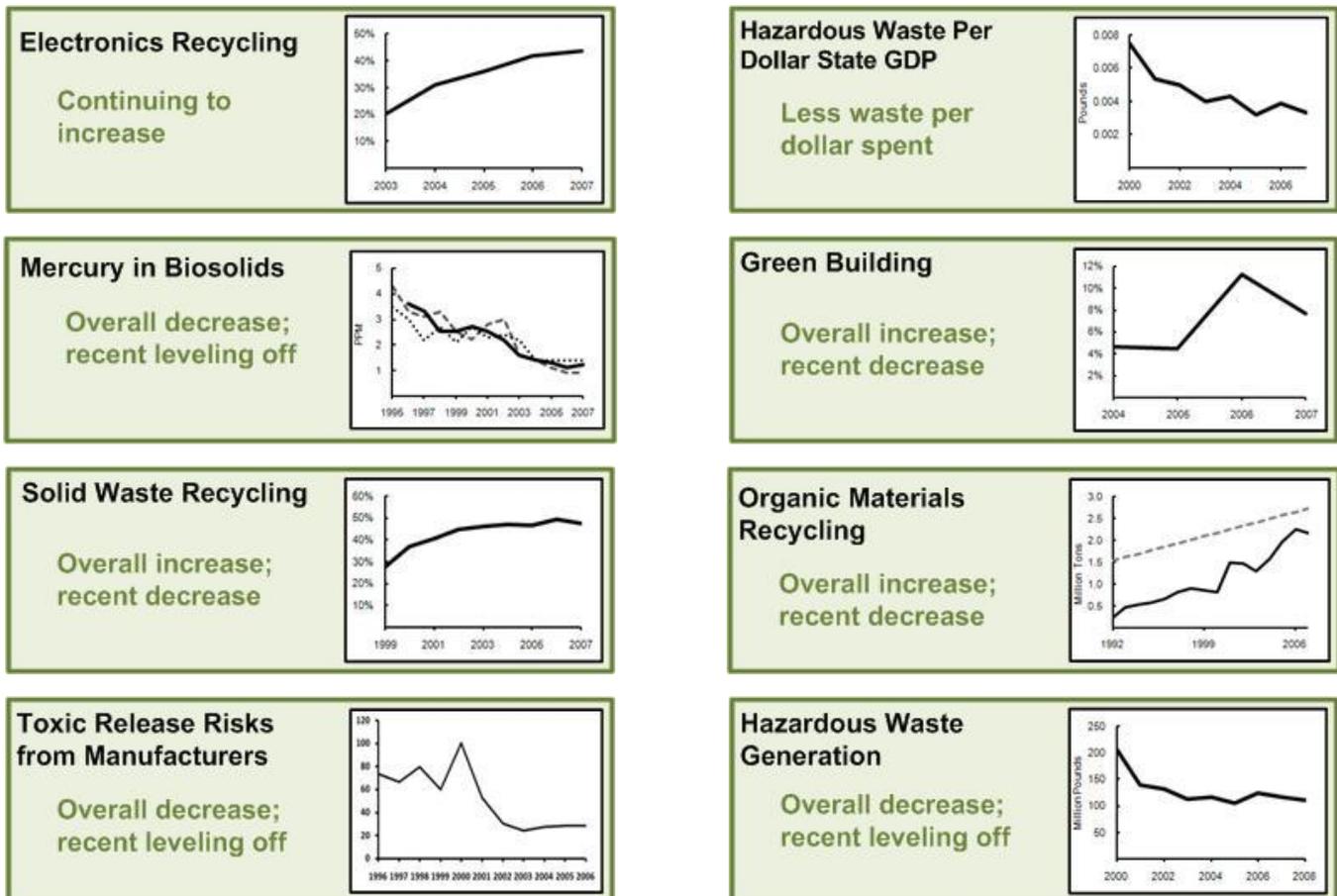
We can transition to a society where waste is viewed as inefficient, and where most wastes and toxic substances have been eliminated. This will contribute to economic, social, and environmental vitality.

The Washington State Department of Ecology developed a series of indicators that track progress toward the Beyond Waste goals. Listed below are sixteen indicators and a quick snapshot of the trend of the indicator. For more information about the indicators, go to www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog_front.html.

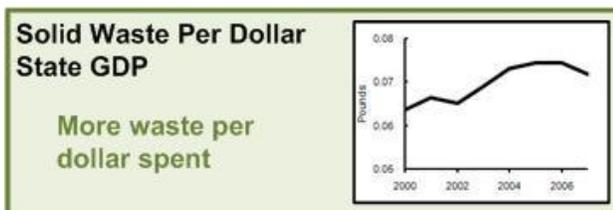
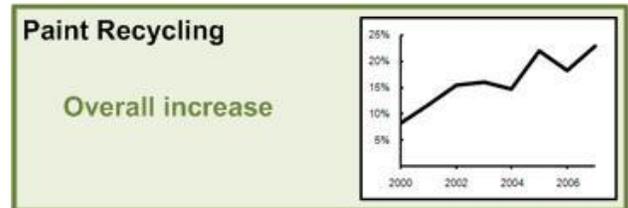
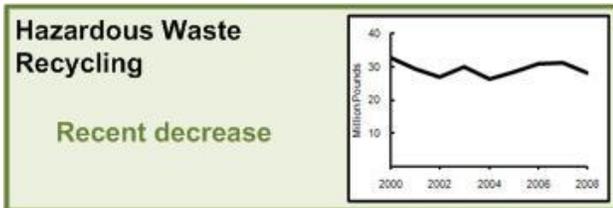
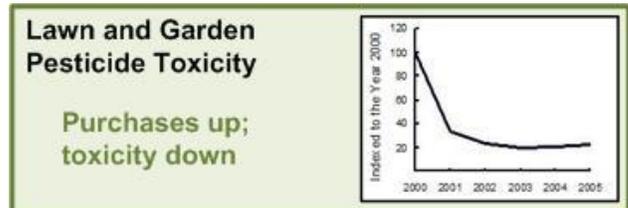
How are we doing in reaching the vision?

We have many positive trends, especially in the following areas: solid waste recycling, green building, organics (compostables), electronics, and toxic release risks. Though hazardous waste generation is decreasing, solid waste generation continues to increase. These indicators, along with solid and hazardous waste recycling, would be a true picture of whether we are achieving Beyond Waste or not. If most current trends continue, we should be able to achieve the Beyond Waste vision over time.

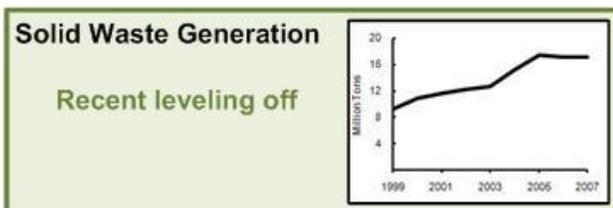
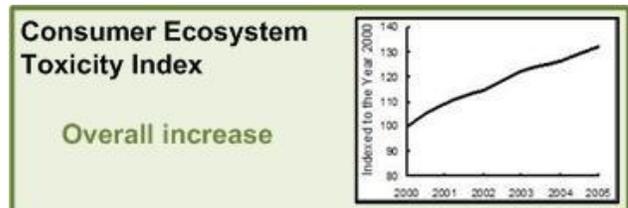
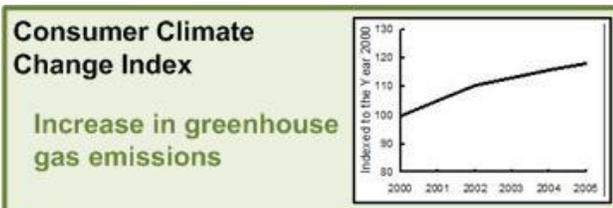
Trends that help us move to the Beyond Waste vision:



Trends that are mixed or too soon to tell:



Trends that need improvement to help us move to the Beyond Waste vision:



For more information follow these links:

- **The Beyond Waste Plan**, go to www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste
- Latest **Beyond Waste Progress Report**, go to www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog_front.html
- The **2009 Beyond Waste Plan Update**, contact program staff:
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