

## 2011 Progress Report Summary Update

Washington's Beyond Waste plan contains seven initiatives or issues to focus on to help us meet our goal of eliminating most wastes and toxic substances. The Department of Ecology developed seven primary indicators (one for each initiative) that track progress towards reaching the Beyond Waste vision. These initiatives and the Beyond Waste vision are listed on the next page of this document.

In addition, there are 15 related indicators for the initiatives that are not shown on this sheet. They can be found on the main progress report on the Beyond Waste Web site at [www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste).

Hazardous waste and solid waste generation, along with solid and hazardous waste recycling, present a fundamental picture of whether we are achieving Beyond Waste. Both of these measures show encouraging progress in reducing waste. Green building and organic materials also show positive trends. Other indicators show mixed trends. Only one of our primary indicators is showing a negative trend at this time – the consumer climate change index.

It is too soon to tell if we will achieve the Beyond Waste vision over time. Some recent trends look promising but other factors, such as the state of our economy, could dramatically affect trend lines. We need to continue to work to reduce waste and toxics by 2035.

### Trends helping us move to the Beyond Waste vision:

- Solid Waste Generated and Recycled
- Hazardous Waste Generated and Recycled
- Organic Materials Recycled, Diverted, and Disposed
- Green Building Market Share

### Trends that are mixed or too soon to tell:

- Hazardous Substances Reduced
- Consumer Ecosystem Toxicity Index

### Trends moving in the wrong direction:

- Consumer Climate Change Index

Although there are many other indicators on the Progress Report, the graphs on the next page, represent the main indicator for each initiative. For more information, detailed data, and related indicators for each initiative, view the full Progress Report at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog\\_front.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog_front.html).

### MORE INFORMATION

Washington State's solid and hazardous waste plan, called the Beyond Waste plan, was adopted in 2004 and updated in 2009.

The purpose of the 30-year plan is to eliminate most wastes and toxic substances and use remaining wastes as resources.

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#### Beyond Waste Plan

[www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste)

#### Beyond Waste Progress Report

[www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog\\_front2.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog_front2.html).

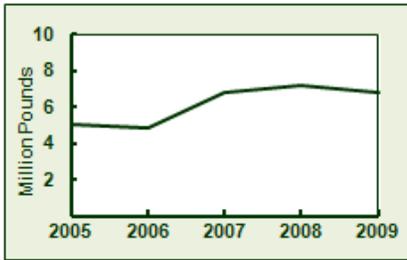
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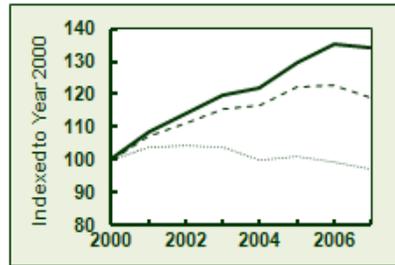
### Moving Towards Beyond Waste with Industries

More hazardous substances reduced



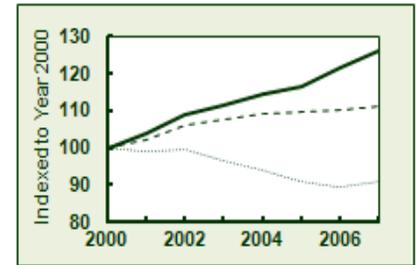
### Reducing Small Volume Hazardous Materials and Waste

Overall increase, recent decrease in ecosystem toxicity



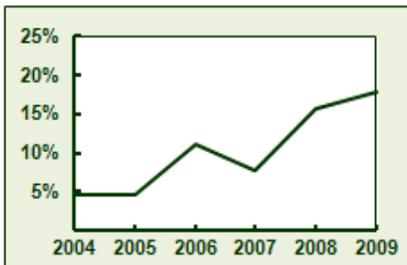
### Measuring Progress Towards Beyond Waste

Increase in greenhouse gas emissions



### Making Green Building Practices Mainstream

Overall increase in green building market share



### 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.*

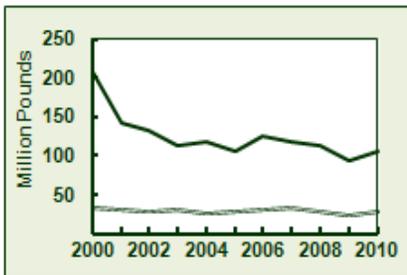
### Increasing Recycling for Organic Materials

Overall increase, recent decrease in organic recycling



### Current Hazardous Waste Issues

Overall decrease, recent increase in hazardous waste generation



### 2011 Progress Report Printable Summary

This document summarizes our progress with a quick snapshot of the indicator trends. For the full progress report with detailed information on each indicator, related indicators, and data sets go online to [www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog\\_front.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/bwprog_front.html)

### Current Solid Waste Issues

Overall increase, recent decrease in solid waste generation

