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Welcome to Waste Wi\$e Communities

This publication has been prepared to keep you informed on issues involving solid and household hazardous waste, illegal dumping and burning, and ways to keep our waterways clean and healthy. We hope these up-to-date resources help you make choices to meet our community's environmental, economic and social needs without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

Recycling Plastics is Easy It's plastic bottles, jugs and dairy tubs

Why doesn't Kitsap County recycle some plastics that have recycling symbols?

Without a viable market, recycling of some plastics is not economical. Some basic economic conditions must be met before recycling a certain plastic is an option:

- Consistent market demand
- Stable market conditions
- Sufficient volumes of materials

The numbers inside the recycling symbols are used by the plastics industry to identify specific resin types, which is related to the chemical make-up of the product. It is not meant to indicate a certain plastic is recyclable in all geographic areas (e.g., a clamshell take-out container may have a #1 or #6, but it is not accepted anywhere in Kitsap County for recycling).

Remember, it's bottles, jugs, and dairy tubs!



Curbside Corner...Did you know?

- Downsizing your garbage service by getting a smaller can or having less frequent pick-up will save you money.
- Common contaminants in recycle carts are plastic bags, plant pots, Christmas lights, videotapes, pots and pans, and lids and caps. Recycle it right to help keep costs low.

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)

CFLs use two thirds less energy than incandescent lights and last up to 10 times longer. You will save \$30 or more in energy costs over each bulb's lifetime. Since CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, and they should be recycled as household hazardous waste at a collection facility. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, Home Depot, Poulsbo Recycle Center and Seattle Lighting accept used CFL's.

Garbage Burning is Illegal

Burning household trash in a burn barrel or open fire produces a black, foul-smelling smoke that irritates the eyes, nose and throat. The smoke contains toxic substances released from plastics, inks, foils and packaging materials. Fines range from \$524 to \$1,000 per incident. To report illegal burning call (360) 337-5285.

Sharps Disposal

Sharps are not accepted in your garbage or recycle cart. Sharps are defined as needles, syringes, scalpels, lancets, and intravenous tubing with needles attached, regardless of whether they are contaminated or not. To properly dispose of sharps:

Residents

- If your physician doesn't accept sharps bring them to the Olympic View Transfer Station or any Recycling and Garbage Facility. For a complete list, visit www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp or call Kitsap One at 360-337-5777. Store and transport sharps in a red sharps container or plastic puncture resistant container with a screw top, labeled with a biohazard sticker.

Businesses

- Call Stericycle at (800) 755-3291.

An ounce of prevention is worth more than a ton of sandbags

Prepare for the rainy season and save your home from unnecessary damage



- Clear gutters and downspouts of leaves and debris
- Keep neighborhood storm drains free of leaves and debris (never remove the lid or climb into a catch basin, and never attempt to clean a storm drain located in a busy street)
- Ensure driveway ditch culverts are clear and that water can flow freely

Contact your local Public Works department if you have concerns or problems with storm drains, ditches, or pipes.

For more information on preparing your home for winter, visit

www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/beforeitrains.htm



Questions? Call Kitsap One at (360) 337-5777.

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Be a Stream Team Volunteer

Want to roll up your sleeves for your neighborhood stream? Find out how you can participate in planting projects, stream and salmon monitoring, and interesting educational events. Contact Kathlene Barnhart at (360) 337-4601 or kbarnhar@co.kitsap.wa.us for more information.



Recycle Yard Waste and Storm Debris

Any time of year is the right time for yard clean-up, whether it's grass clippings, twigs, stumps or branches from a storm.

Visit our website or call for:

- Cost-effective recycling options
- Onsite chippers

Information about yard waste:



www.kitsapgov.com/sw
(click on yard waste)



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Don't forget:

- Keep yard waste and debris out of ditches and waterways
- Cover your load. It's the law!

Your Dog, Your Doodie

Dogs in Kitsap County drop more than 11 tons of waste each day.

Pet waste left on the ground doesn't just go away. This Fall, local elementary students conducting a research project counted over 170 piles of dog waste along the paved trail at Island Lake County Park. That adds up to a lot of bacteria, parasites, and viruses that could spread disease and wash into the lake!

The solution is easy: Scoop the poop, bag it, and place it in the trash – for clean shoes and clean water.

Landfills are designed to safely handle pet waste. Yards, trails, streets, parks, toilets, and compost piles are not.

Mutt Mitt Dispensers Available

FREE Mutt Mitt dispensers are available for neighborhood common areas, trails, and other open spaces. Contact Jayna Ericson at (360) 307-4277 or jericson@co.kitsap.wa.us for more information.



Alternatives to Toxics

Keep toxics out of your home!
Exposure to toxics may be harmful to
humans, wildlife and the environment.



- "Green" Shopping List
- White vinegar
 - Baking soda
 - Oxygenated cleaner
 - Castile soap
 - Citrus-based cleaner
 - Spray bottle
 - Scrub brush
 - Squeegee
 - Microfiber mops and cloths
 - "Zip-It" barbed drain strip
 - Weed puller
 - Cedar blocks
 - Digital fever thermometer
 - Water based paints and stains



Alternatives to Household Toxics

Item	Choose	Notes
Bathroom		
Air Freshener	Rosewater in a pump dispenser; natural potpourri or boiled cloves and cinnamon.	Use houseplants for air purification.
All Purpose Cleaners	Bar or liquid soap, oxygenated cleaner (Oxyclean or comparable product), and citrus-based cleaner.	Real soap is made from vegetable oil. Detergent is made from petroleum and/or oleochemicals (derived from fats and oils).
Antibacterial Cleaners	Bar or liquid soap.	Antimicrobial cleaners don't work better than soap and may breed super germs.
Disinfectant	Hydrogen peroxide followed by white vinegar.	Source: Food Sciences and Technology Program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
Drain Cleaner	Barbed drain cleaning strip, snake, or plunger. Pour 1/2 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar and follow with a kettle of boiling water.	Avoid caustic products containing sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.
Fever Thermometer	Digital.	Recycle mercury thermometers at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.
Mildew Remover	3% hydrogen peroxide or make paste of oxygenated cleaner (Oxyclean or comparable product). Wait 1 hour after applying.	Keep area clean and dry to prevent mildew.
Mirror/Window Cleaner	1/4 c. white vinegar added to 1 quart warm water. Mix in spray bottle, squeegee to remove.	Works well. Keep squeegee dry with a clean cloth. Use microfiber cloth to clean up drips.
Scouring Powder	Baking soda.	All you really need.
Sink and Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Add one tablespoon oxygenated cleaner (Oxyclean or comparable product), let sit, then scrub with brush.	Avoid products with bleach, acids or ammonia.
Closet		
Mothballs	Cedar blocks; cedar shavings in a paper bag, or lavender sachet.	Inhaling mothball fumes can cause a variety of health problems.
Flooring		
Laminate Floor Cleaner	Damp (not wet!) mop with water. Add a 1/4 cup of white vinegar. Check manufacturer's directions.	Laminate flooring resists stains.
Tile Floor Cleaner	Damp (not wet!) mop with water. Add a 1/4 cup of white vinegar.	Remove stubborn stains by hand with a weak detergent solution.
Wood Floor Cleaner	Damp (not wet!) mop with water. Add a 1/4 cup of white vinegar.	Remove stubborn stains by hand with a weak detergent solution.
Furniture		
Polish	Paste wax is recommended for finished wood by the Senior Furniture Conservator at the Smithsonian Institution.	Twice a year for high wear areas. Every three or four years for low wear areas. Avoid products with toluene, xylene or benzene.
Kitchen		
Brass Cleaner	Baking soda paste.	Polish with a soft cloth.
Copper Cleaner	Baking soda paste.	Polish with a soft cloth.
Detergents and Soaps	Avoid antimicrobial or antibacterial products.	Using detergents in water as soap may leave a residue on dishes.

Item		Choose	Notes
Drain Cleaner	Barbed drain cleaning strip, snake, or plunger. Pour 1/2 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar and follow with a kettle of boiling water.	Avoid caustic products containing sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.	
Oven Cleaner	Apply wet paste of baking soda, let sit, scrub with scouring pad. Or, use self-cleaning feature.	Place pan or foil in oven to catch drips. Clean up spills immediately before they become baked on.	
Scouring Powder	Baking soda.	Make a paste. Add elbow grease.	
Window Cleaner	1/4 cup white vinegar added to 1 quart warm water. Mix in spray bottle, squeegee to remove.	Works well. Keep squeegee dry with a clean cloth.	
Laundry			
Fabric Softener	To reduce static cling, dampen your hands, then shake out your clothes as you remove them from the drier.	Line-drying clothing is another alternative that also reduces your energy costs.	
Whitener	Oxygenated cleaner (Oxyclean or comparable product).	Do not use on silk or wool.	
Lighting			
Light Bulbs	Fluorescent bulbs and tubes.	Dispose of as hazardous waste due to mercury content.	
Lawn and Garden			
Lawn Fertilizers	Improve soil with compost. Use organic fertilizer.	www.kitsapgov.com/sw/pdf/3512_Natural_Lawn_Care.pdf	
Weed and Feed	Accept some weeds in the lawn. Use mechanical weed pullers. Mulch plant beds. Reduce size of grass area.	www.kitsapgov.com/sw/pdf/3512_Natural_Lawn_Care.pdf	
Home Maintenance			
Paints and Coatings	Water-based paints and stains.	Avoid oil-based paint.	
Pressure-treated Lumber	Cedar, plastic lumber.	New pressure-treated lumber requires corrosion-resistant fasteners.	
Craft Supplies			
Rubber Cement	Glue stick.	Look for products labeled non-toxic.	
Markers	Water-based.	Avoid solvent based products.	

Pest Control for the Home and Garden

First, determine if the insect, fungi or pathogen is really causing a problem. Contact the WSU Extension Kitsap Insect Identification and Plant Pathology staff for proper identification. Call 360-337-7158 for the Master Gardener hotline from April through October. During other months call 360-337-7224 for help and/or information.

If there is a problem, can you live with it? If it has passed a threshold of acceptability, use an Integrated Pest Management control approach. Select the least toxic control method that will manage the problem. This approach will have the least effect on people, pets and the environment. By anticipating and preventing pest activity and using the least toxic control method, you can achieve long-term results.

Select non-chemical management options as your first choice.

Plant disease and insect identification leaflet series:
<http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/plantclinic/resources/pls-res.html>

Managing plant problems:
<http://pep.wsu.edu/Hortsense/>

Managing common indoor pests:
<http://pep.wsu.edu/pestsense/>

What Do I Do With My Hazardous Waste?

These materials are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility



Sharps
(call for packaging instructions)



Household Cleaners



Automotive Products



Contaminated Motor Oil



Lawn & Garden Products



Solvents



Hobby Supplies



Fluorescent Tubes & Bulbs



Paints & Stains



Motor Oil



Mercury Thermometers



Antifreeze



Road Flares



Batteries



Pool and Spa Supplies



Flammable Liquids

Some products are hazardous and may not be disposed of in your garbage can! They contain materials harmful to you and the environment. Make sure to properly dispose of things like automotive products, cleaners, fuels, chemicals, appliances and sharps.

Apliances

Customers can take them to any County Recycling and Garbage Facility, the Poulsbo Recycle Center, or the Olympic View Transfer Station. Customers unload their items. Call ahead for fees and to ensure that adequate space for large items is available. Visit www.kitsapgov.com/sw for maps and hours.

Oil and Antifreeze

Oil and antifreeze are accepted at many facilities, however, most facilities have a 10-gallon limit. Larger quantities may be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility if you call ahead, but large containers and drums cannot be returned to you. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility accepts business waste by appointment **ONLY**.

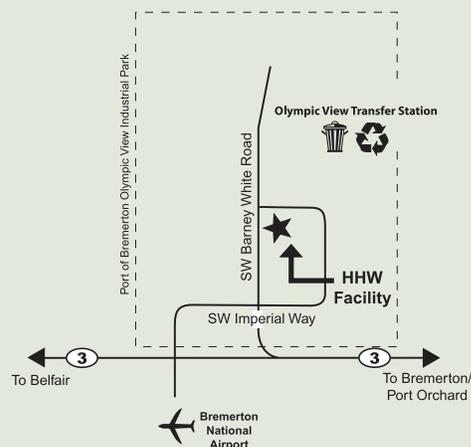
Sharps

Residential customers can take sharps to any County Recycling and Garbage Facility, the Poulsbo Recycle Center, or the Olympic View Transfer Station. Place in a red sharps container from your pharmacy or a plastic screw-capped container (soda, bleach, detergent bottle) and label with a biohazard sticker available at collection site. **Businesses call Stericycle at (800) 755-3291.**

**If the label says
Caution, Warning, or
Danger
Take it to the
Household Hazardous
Waste Collection Facility**

An average household often contains more than 60 hazardous products. Kitsap County residents may bring unneeded household chemicals to the Kitsap County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. There is no charge for residential disposal.

If you have waste in a 55-gallon drum or more than 50 gallons of waste for disposal, please call ahead for an appointment.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

**Open Thursday through Saturday
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM***

**Residential customers only please!
Business customers call for an appointment.**

**Kitsap One
360-337-5777**

www.kitsapgov.com/sw

The front of your Qwest Dex phone book has a complete Recycling and Garbage Guide.



*Check the website or call Kitsap One for holiday or inclement weather schedules.

Adopt -A- Road, Trail, or Beach

Would you like to make a difference in your community?

Look no farther than a street, road, trail or beach near your home or business. Participating in the Adopt-A-Road program is a way to do something positive in your own neighborhood.

This program creates a partnership of citizens, local businesses, community service groups and organizations, and the local government to promote civic pride and preserve our clean environment by eliminating and reducing the amount of unsightly litter.

Businesses, organizations, service clubs and individuals out on their usual walks can help out. If you or your group are able to participate, fill out the on-line application at www.kitsapgov.com/sw/cleankitsap_road2.htm.



An Adopt -A- Road volunteer picks up something for the environment

Resource Information

Do County business 24/7 online.

Kitsap 24^{hours} 7^{days}

www.kitsapgov.com/Kitsap247.html

Where to recycle, donate, or dispose of items:

www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp

General Solid Waste Information:

Qwest Dex Community pages in the Qwest Dex phone book.



Kitsap One 360-337-5777



solidwaste@co.kitsap.wa.us

Recycling and Garbage Facilities:

Bainbridge Island

7215 Don Palmer Avenue

Hours: 10am-4pm Wed. to Sun.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

206-842-0962

Hansville

7791 NE Ecology Road

Hours: 8am-3:30pm Wed. to Mon.

Closed Tuesday

360-638-2710

Olalla

2850 SE Burley-Olalla Road

Hours: 9am-5pm Fri. to Tues.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

253-857-5034

Olympic View Transfer Station

9300 SW Barney White Rd., Port Orchard

Hours: 8am-5pm

Open every day

360-674-2297

Poulsbo (Recycling Only)

21868 Viking Way NW

Hours: 8am-3:30pm Tues. to Sat.

Closed Sunday and Monday

360-779-1044

Silverdale

8843 NW Dickey Road

Hours: 9am-5pm

Open every day

360-692-5900

Some Items are just too good to toss!

2GOOD2TOSS.COM

reusable building materials & large household items

After the holidays, did you find you have good reusable items you no longer need? It is free and easy to donate or sell items through 2Good2Toss.com.

All items are \$99 or less.



The smoke from burning garbage can cause cancer and asthma.

**You burn it,
you breathe it.**

Report garbage burning.

Kitsap County Health District
(360) 337-5285



Free Computer & TV Recycling is here

E-Cycle Washington is a program that provides free and responsible recycling of the following electronics:

computers (CPUs) • monitors • laptops • TVs

Computer monitors and televisions can't be thrown in the garbage because they may contain lead or other heavy metals. Electronics manufacturers in Washington are taking responsibility for the cost of recycling these products at authorized collection points. For an updated listing of locations offering free electronics recycling, visit www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp.

Households, small businesses, and charities may bring up to 10 units per day. For larger amounts, call 1-866-779-6632.

Peripherals and accessories are NOT covered under this program (mice, printers, copiers, scanner, all other electrical devices, including appliances and cell phones), but are recyclable at some locations and may require a fee.

Here's how to find the locations:



Kitsap One (360) 337-5777



www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp

Analog TV Signal Goes Away Feb.17

Do I need to get rid of my old TV?

No. Analog TVs will still work with satellite hook ups or any level of cable service after the analog signal goes away. Customers using antennas will need to obtain a converter box before February 17, 2009.

Converter boxes are available for sale at many retail stores selling televisions. Up to two coupons per household are available until March 31, 2009 while supplies last. Apply online at www.DTV2009.gov or call the hotline at 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009).



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