

Solid Waste Advisory Committee- Meeting 9/25

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Staff (non voting members)\

Michelle Mulrony/Regional Planner and Grant Manager. WA State Department of Ecology.
Mackenzie Coleman-Andress / Solid Waste Outreach & Program Coordinator - Klickitat County

Meeting Overview

Staff provided an overview of the State Requirements and the County's existing program. Since the last SWAC plan was completed many new State requirements have been passed. While Klickitat County is still under the population threshold for compliance for some. Staff believes the County will likely surpass the threshold within the next few years – so addressing those requirements now seems reasonable.

The new plan must be completed by end of 2026 – so there is time to go through the existing plan and make updates.

Some general info we learned.

- County receives \$266,000 from State which it matches with \$75,000. Regularly sends money back. Most of the focus is on plan updates, SWAC meetings and local outreach. Staff is sending out a list of outreach events conducted by staff in the past year. (e.g. The biggest event I know of is Community Clean up.)
- County Health refuses \$34K annually for enforcement because most enforcement is done through Republic – though County is looking into how they can utilize these funds to offset costs – not sure what enforcement entails.
- Cities are eligible for and can apply for County funds which require no match – but haven't really taken advantage of the opportunity – may be unaware (Community Clean Up gets

about \$5000 from these fund every year – I believe, but more is available (mentioned \$20K for each city???). Also City is available to apply for funds grants directly but would require match.

- Next grant cycle is February - grants available attached to this overview.

Some info I learned:

- Glass collected in Bingen is trucked to Portland. Recycling is shipped via train to the Republic facility near Seattle.
- Lots of misinformation on what/how recycling is done, but upshot is local recycling opportunities are limited and truck/train shipping makes it a lost leader for County/Republic. This is a statewide/nationwide problem not just a KC problem (<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/sending-glass-landfill-tacoma-temporarily-halt-glass-recycling-program/LG454CQ6OVEK5DZFGXX5P2BW2M/>)
- Plastic recycling bags may not be in compliance with State bans on plastic bags.
- Thicker plastic and clear/white plastic (like bleach bottles) are much easier to reuse/recycle than colored – and that may be the next thing to be focused on by the legislature.
- Commercial businesses have a MUCH higher rate of cross contamination then local households.
- Republic is trying to focus on a reusable bottle (growler style – for wine) with local wineries
- Outreach works with Community Gardens (?) to do composting workshop within communities but hasn't been able to make contact with WS group.
- Overall County needs to have citizens recycle/reuse more if we are to meet established targets.

Attachments

- DOE - Powerpoint from Meeting
- County SWM Program Outreach for 2024
- DOE – Newsletter and Upcoming Grant Opportunities



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Klickitat County SWAC

Michelle Mulrony, Department of Ecology,
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Solid Waste Management

Chapter 70A.205.005 RCW

- (2) **Traditional methods of disposing of solid wastes** in this state **are no longer adequate** to meet the ever-increasing problem. Improper methods and practices of handling and disposal of solid wastes pollute our land, air and water resources, blight our countryside, adversely affect land values, and damage the overall quality of our environment.
- (6)(c) **It is the responsibility of county and city governments to assume primary responsibility for solid waste management and to develop and implement aggressive and effective waste reduction and source separation strategies.**
- (8) **The following priorities** for the collection, handling, and management of **solid waste** are necessary and **should be followed in descending order** as applicable:
 - (a) Waste reduction;
 - (b) Recycling, with source separation of recyclable materials as the preferred method;
 - (c) Energy recovery, incineration, or landfill of separated waste;
 - (d) Energy recovery, incineration, or landfill of mixed municipal solid wastes.
- (9) It is the state's goal to achieve a fifty percent recycling rate by 2007.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Section Authorizing SWACs: [70A.205.110](#)

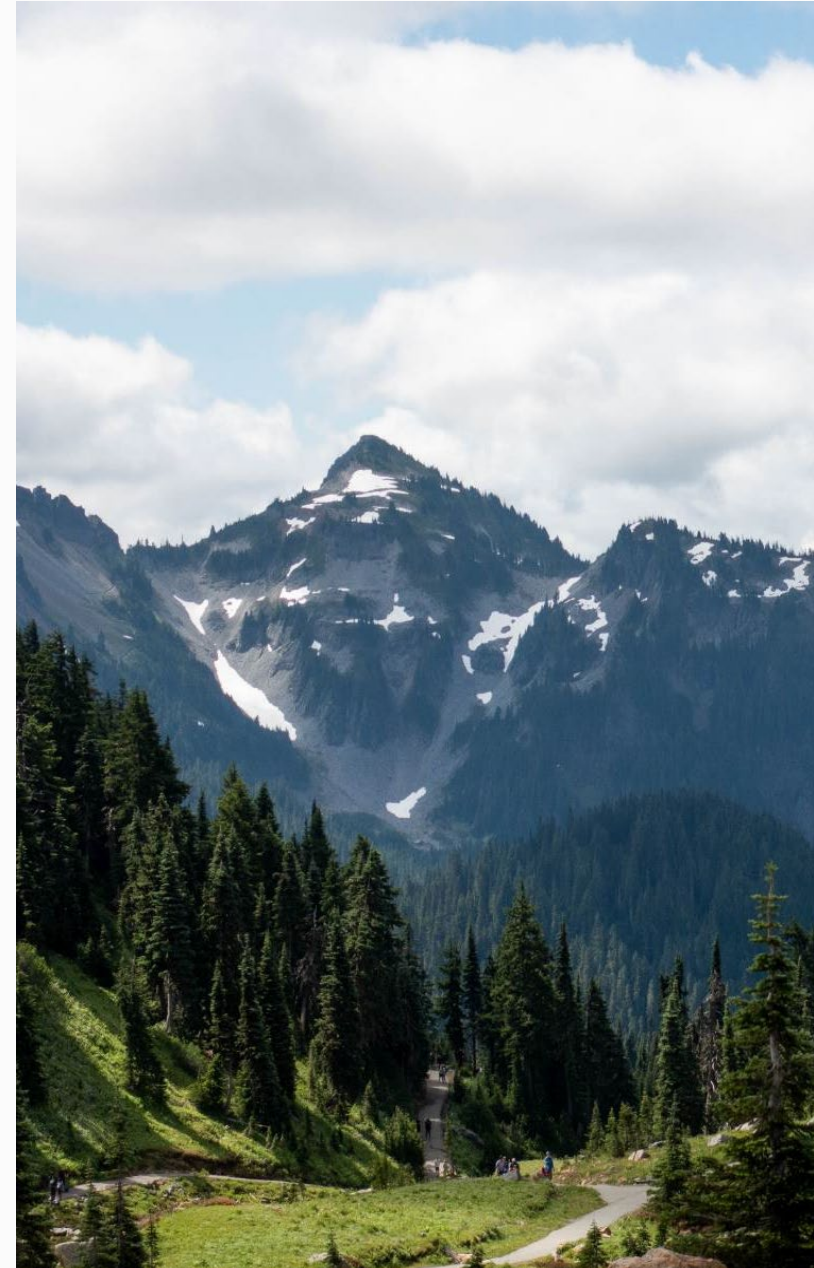
“(3) Each county shall establish a local solid waste advisory committee to assist in the development of programs and policies concerning solid waste handling and disposal and to review and comment upon proposed rules, policies, or ordinances prior to their adoption. Such committees shall consist of a **minimum of nine members** and shall represent a balance of interests including, but not limited to, **citizens, public interest groups, business, the waste management industry, agriculture, and local elected public officials**. The members shall be appointed by the county legislative authority. A county or city shall not apply for funds from the state and local improvements revolving account, Waste Disposal Facilities, 1980, under RCW [43.83.350](#), for the preparation, update, or major amendment of a comprehensive solid waste management plan unless the plan or revision has been prepared with the active assistance and participation of a local solid waste advisory committee.”

Role of the SWAC

- Appointed by County Commissioners
- Advisory to County Commissioners
- Form to “assist in the development of programs and policies concerning solid waste handling and disposal and to review and comment upon proposed rules, policies, or ordinances prior to their adoption.”
- Meetings should be held regularly, public notice given, minutes posted in a timely manner.
 - Bi-monthly
 - Quarterly
 - Monthly (typically only during a plan update)

Role of Ecology Planner

- Attend SWAC meetings and provide technical assistance
- Update the jurisdiction on legislation happenings
- Provide technical assistance so that the jurisdiction can successfully manage the solid and hazardous waste
- Provide review and approval of the solid and hazardous waste plans



Funding

Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) Grant

- Klickitat County Solid Waste currently receives ~\$226,000 for Implementation (\$75,000 match).
- Klickitat County Health Department has declined their allotment of ~\$68,000 every biennium.
- Cities can request grant funding or run programs through the County grant.
- Applications will open in February for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Legislation

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
 - Paint,
 - Mercury Lights
 - E-Waste
 - Batteries (expanding soon)
- Changing how plastics are made, sold, and used in the State
- Diversion of organics from the landfills to reduce methane emissions



Plastic Bans

Single-use Plastic Bag Ban

(Effective October 2021)



NO

Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags



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Large Paper Carryout Bags

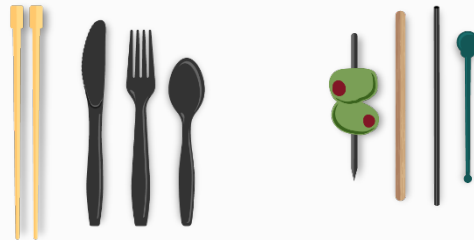


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Thick Reusable Plastic Carryout Bags

Single-use Serviceware Law

(Effective January 2022)

Businesses can **no longer automatically** provide single-use items in customer orders.



NO

Bundled Utensils are Banned

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Ban

(Effective June 2023)



NO

June 1, 2023: EPS packing peanuts are banned.

(Effective June 2024)

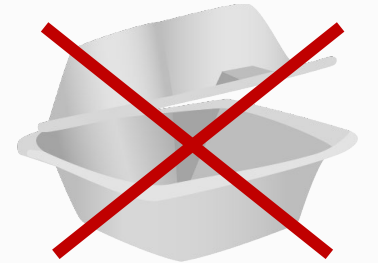


NO

June 1, 2024: EPS portable coolers and food service products are banned.

Help spread awareness

- Help us spread awareness
 - Print & share flyers from our websites:
 - [Single-Use Bag Ban Toolkit](#)
 - [Single-Use Serviceware Law Toolkit](#)
 - [EPS Ban Toolkit](#)
- Look for violations
 - **Bag Ban:** Report observations of noncompliance using the [Bag Ban Reporting Webpage](#)
 - **Single-use Serviceware:** Report observations of noncompliance using the [Single-use Serviceware Reporting Webpage](#)
 - **EPS Ban:** Report observations of noncompliance using the directions on the [EPS Ban Webpage](#)



Post-Consumer Recycled Content (PCRC)

PCRC is what is causing issues with your curbside recycling program.

Minimum recycled-content by product

Percentages indicate the amount of a product that must be from post-consumer resin, beginning on that year.



	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Plastic trash bags	10%		15%		20%									
Beverage containers	15%			25%					50%					
Household cleaner and personal care products			15%			25%			50%					
Plastic wine container (187 milliliters)						15%			25%					50%
Dairy milk container						15%			25%					50%

Ecology Resources

- We are here to help!

Planning and Waste Reduction Resource Library

- Education and outreach program examples
- All approved Plans in one central location
- Planning guidelines and examples
- Organics management related guidance
- Collection and processing contract resources
- Contamination reduction resources
- SO MUCH MORE! Join for free.





Thank you!

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Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 10:56 AM

Hello Patty,

The outreach events I typically attend are Community Clean ups in Lyle, Dallesport, Goldendale, White Salmon, Centerville, and High Prairie(these are always changing and evolving year to year), the Klickitat County Fair, The Goldendale Home and Garden Show, and Water Jam. I also manage the special collection program for plastics with drop off points at Goldendale Feed and Ace Hardware in White Salmon. My goal is to do more outreach for kids and more with organics/composting. I do get grant money to help support community gardens, so if you have contacts in that space that would be helpful. It was great talking with you yesterday and please reach out anytime.

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FW: Public Participation Grants Newsletter

2 messages

Mulrony, Michelle (ECY) <mmul461@ecy.wa.gov>
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Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 12:23 PM

Hi Patty,

This email has quite a few funding opportunities so I thought I would send it your way. I typically send these emails to the County but I am guessing they do not get forwarded on, so I am sorry for that. Now that I have your email I can get more information and funding opportunities headed your direction. I am also sending you an invite to join the resource library as you seemed interested in it. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help 😊

Michelle Mulrony

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Subject: Public Participation Grants Newsletter





Yakama Nation's Swan Dancer's hold a "clean up hanford" banner next to the Columbia River at the 2019 Hanford Journey, sponsored by Yakama Nation's ERWM program and Columbia Riverkeeper. Photo by Kiliiii Yuyan.

Public Participation Grants

****Special Announcement****

The 2025 - 2027 Open Application Period is coming soon

It's time to get ready!

The 2025-2027 Open Application period for the Public Participation Grant (PPG) Program is coming early!

- Opens **January 7** at 8:00 a.m.

- Closes promptly at 5:00 p.m. on **February 4**

Why the change? You may have heard; Ecology's online grant management system is undergoing an upgrade. As part of this process, the entire system is expected to shut down in April 2025. This anticipated "blackout" period compels us to expedite application periods, so they are closed before the blackout period.

Stay tuned for updates about application instructions, program guidelines, and a Q&A informational session.

Can you help us?

Your Ecology PPG Team is working on an outreach plan to get the word out about the upcoming application period for the next grant cycle to potentially eligible applicants. We realize this is a competitive grant program and some of you may apply for another cycle, but hope you are willing to help. We are grateful for any support you provide.



Here are some ways you can help:

- **Forward this bulletin.** Share the grant, application date range, and other relevant information through your communication networks.
 - **Send us your contacts** for organizations/individuals who are potentially eligible (or that communicate with organizations/individuals who are potentially eligible). This could be professional organizations, or other umbrella entities.
 - **Provide us with compelling photos** of people engaged in/through your PPG task work. These need to be photos we can use widely. We may use them in a variety of communications materials. This could highlight the work you are doing too!
 - **Do you have other ideas** for how you might help us promote PPG?
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We're Hiring!

Ecology's **Solid Waste Management (SWM)** program is looking to fill a **Public Participation Grant Manager (Environmental Specialist 4) (In-Training)** position, responsible for managing all aspects of this competitive grant program. This involves providing oversight on grants awarded to individuals, communities, and nonprofit organizations and assisting with the development, planning and implementation of the grant program. Your contributions will directly support Ecology's vision to prioritize the HEAL Act and the state's solid waste management priorities while promoting public engagement in government action. If you are looking for a rewarding collaborative work environment, join our dynamic team.

The mission of the **Solid Waste Management (SWM)** program is to reduce wastes through prevention and reuse, keep toxics out of the environment, and safely manage what remains. The Public Participation Grants (PPG) program focuses on engaging the public in contaminated site awareness, hazardous waste cleanup efforts and solid waste management priorities.

Telework options for this position: This position will be eligible for up to 90% telework schedule.

Application Timeline: This position will remain open until filled, we will review applications on October 7, 2024. In order to be considered, please submit an application on or before **October 6, 2024**. If your application isn't received by this date, it may not be considered. The agency reserves the right to make a hire any time after the initial screening date.

SALARY: \$56,880 - \$88,800 Annually

See the full job description here: [Public Participation Grant Manager \(Environmental Specialist 4\) \(In-Training\)](#).

Questions? Contact [Jill Krumlauf](#), Communications, Outreach, and Grants Unit Supervisor.



NextCycle is accepting applications!

September 23, 2024 - November 4, 2024

[ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL](#)

We are excited to announce that the application period for the third cohort of the NextCycle Washington Accelerator Program is now open!

We invite entrepreneurs, small businesses, community groups, and non-profits to learn more about the program and if your business or project is a fit. Join us for our Application Party - a virtual meeting set in a casual atmosphere to connect with program facilitators and ask questions about NextCycle Washington.

Drop in anytime during the event, stay for a little or stay for a while!

- Learn general information about NextCycle Washington
- Get help with your application
- Talk to NextCycle Washington alumni teams
- Build partnerships and collaborate with other participants

Click the button and register for the Oct 22 meeting.

Oct 22, 5:00-6:30pm

Other Funding Opportunities

Waste Not Washington School Awards

Award amounts: \$5,000

Deadline to apply: October 31, 2024

Eligible entities: Teacher or staff member of a K-12 public, private, tribal school, or school district applying on behalf of a school or classroom

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

Award amounts: \$25,000-\$400,000

Deadline to apply: November 7, 2024

Eligible entities: A public food program service provider, a tribal organization, a private nonprofit organization entity, including gleaners.

Composting Microgrants to Support Food Scrap Programs and Compostable Products

Award Amounts: \$500-\$5,000

Deadline for applications: November 8, 2024

Eligible entities: For-profit companies (such as food waste haulers and composters), non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies actively involved in composting.



The Food Center Team | Solid Waste Management Program

Food Center | [Use Food Well.org](https://www.foodwell.org) | FoodCenter@ecy.wa.gov

Kudos



Congratulations to one of our PPG recipients, Dr. Ileana Ponce, Founder and Executive Director of [Community Health Workers Coalition for Migrants and Refugees](#).

Dr. Ponce published research about pesticide exposure prevention and the impact of their programs among migrant and refugee workers in Washington state. You can view the publication on the Sage Journals website via the link below.

[Empowering Agricultural Workers Through Community Health Worker-Led Pesticide Safety Workshops in Washington State - Ileana María Ponce-González, Griselda Arias, Elmer Diaz, Michael L. Parchman, 2024 \(sagepub.com\)](#)

Share and Explore

Want to learn more about these and other PPG projects? Check out this [interactive map](#) that highlights all of the 2023-2025 PPG grant recipients.

Interested in seeing YOUR project featured in a future Newsletter? Contact your grant manager to share your exciting news and project updates with us and your fellow grant recipients.

Your PPG Team

We are committed to supporting you and your projects throughout this biennium. Thank you for your contributions toward protecting our environment while building strong inclusive communities.

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