



Hazardous Waste Management Program

King County Board of Health Annual Update

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Today's Update



Program Overview and Refresher

- Purpose, History, Structure, and Services



Current Highlights

- Management Plan Update
- Policy and Legislative Priorities
- Community Engagement

Program Overview

Mission

Protect public health and environment from risks posed by hazardous materials.



Authorized By

County: King County Board of Health

State: WA State Dept. of Ecology



Service Area

2.3 million residents and more than 70,000 businesses across King County, and unincorporated areas.

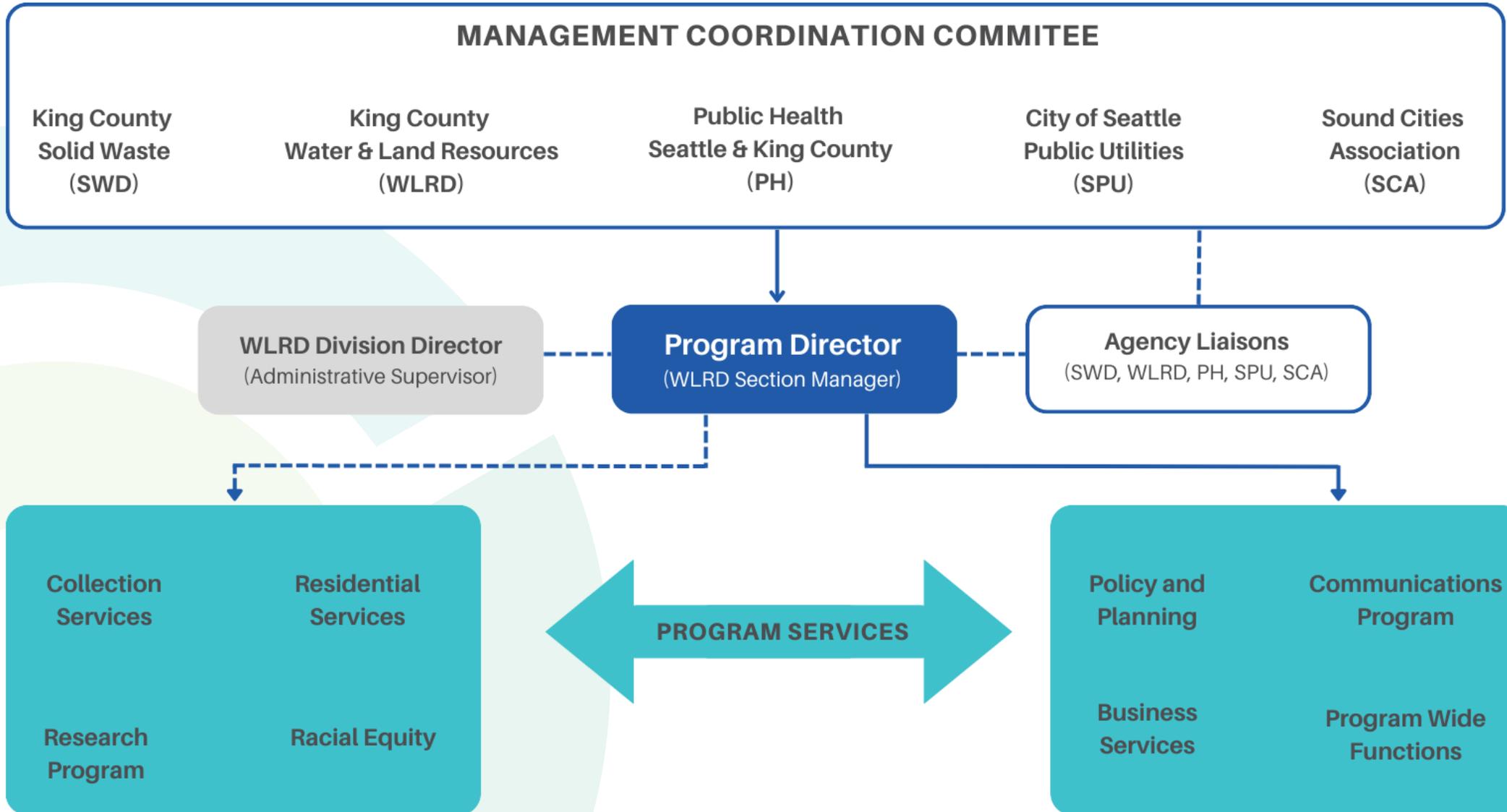


Unified Program

Managed by a Multi-Jurisdictional Coordinating Committee.



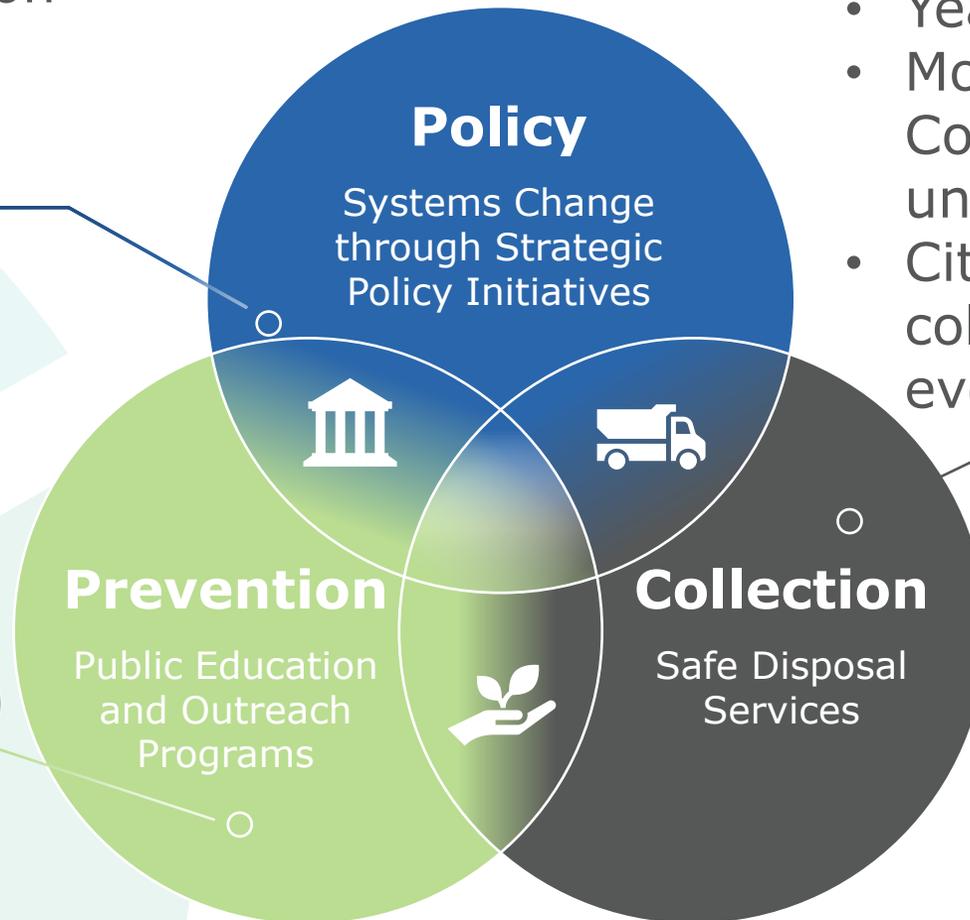
Program Structure



Program Services

- EPR for all HHW
- Lead exposure reduction
- PFAS and chemical restrictions
- Exposure research

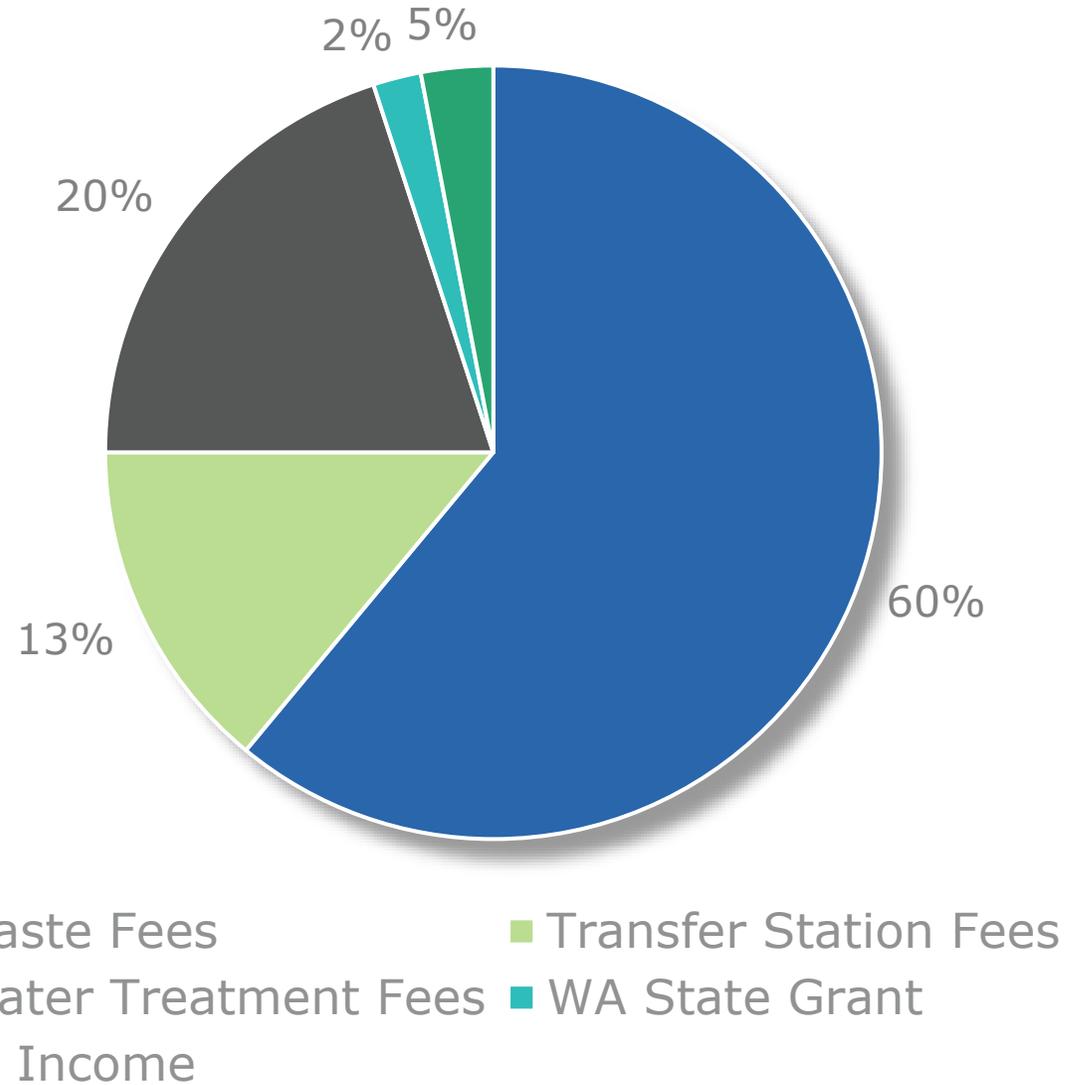
- Awareness and education
- Best practices training
- Customer support centers
- Small business assistance (Tech support & vouchers)



- Year-round collection facilities
- Mobile collection across King County including unincorporated
- City and Tribe Sponsored collection and education events

2025 Local Hazardous Waste Fund Sources

King County BOH sets hazardous waste fees and adjusts them periodically for inflation and service sustainability.

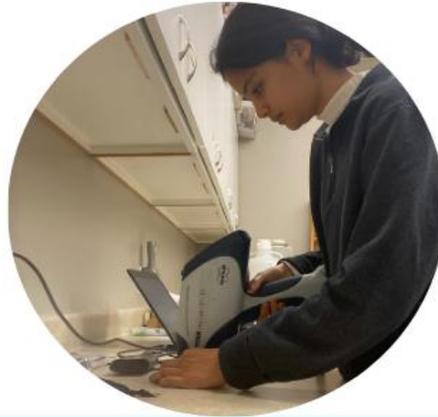


Management Plan Timeline



2021-2024

- Continue services
- Understand underlying causes and priorities
- Design approaches with BIPOC communities and partners



2025-2028

- Pilot new ideas based on learnings
- Advance policies
- Evaluate performance



2029-2032

- Adaptively manage for effectiveness

2026 Legislative Overview

Upstream Solutions to Hazardous Materials

- Extended producer responsibility for paint (PaintCare)**
- Alterations to existing lead in cookware laws**
- Regulations on the sales and distribution of nitrous oxide**
- Cigarette, vape, and tobacco product policy
- Reducing microplastic pollution from washing machines
- Regulation of 6PPD in tires
- PFAS in agricultural products

- New requirements on plastic products and packaging
- Repealing pollution prevention and planning requirements
- Packaging requirements for cannabis and vape devices
- Increases in vape product taxes

Bold Font = Active Bills as of 3/9/26

Community Services Overview

A region-wide strategy to reduce toxic exposure through equity and access

PREVENTION

Reduce Household & Community Exposure

- ✓ Childhood lead response
- ✓ Safer product and cleaning education
- ✓ Multi-family housing partnerships

PROTECTION

Address Business & Worker Chemical Risk

- ✓ On-site small business assistance
- ✓ Safer product replacement
- ✓ Financial incentives to remove cost barriers

UPSTREAM

Shift Risks Before it Reaches Communities

- ✓ Youth stewardship & workforce education
- ✓ Community informed policy engagement
- ✓ Regional engagement partnerships

EQUITY

Center Communities Most Impacted

- ✓ In-language & trans-created outreach
- ✓ Equity centered outreach
- ✓ Community co-design & partnerships

ACCESS

Connect Residents to Services

- ✓ Call center & expert hotline support
- ✓ Mobile & fixed site disposal services
- ✓ Year-round regional educational outreach

For more information

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[2026 Wastemobile Schedule](#)

[2024 Annual Report](#)

[Hazardous Waste Program Management Plan](#)

Questions?

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