



Hazardous Waste Management Program

King County Secure Medicine Return:

2021 Transition to Statewide Drug Take-Back Program



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King County Program Overview

- Created by the King County Board of Health
- History, purpose & structure
- Current status

King County
program
established by
Board of Health

2013

King County
program
Operational

2017

State program
established by
Dept. of Health

2018

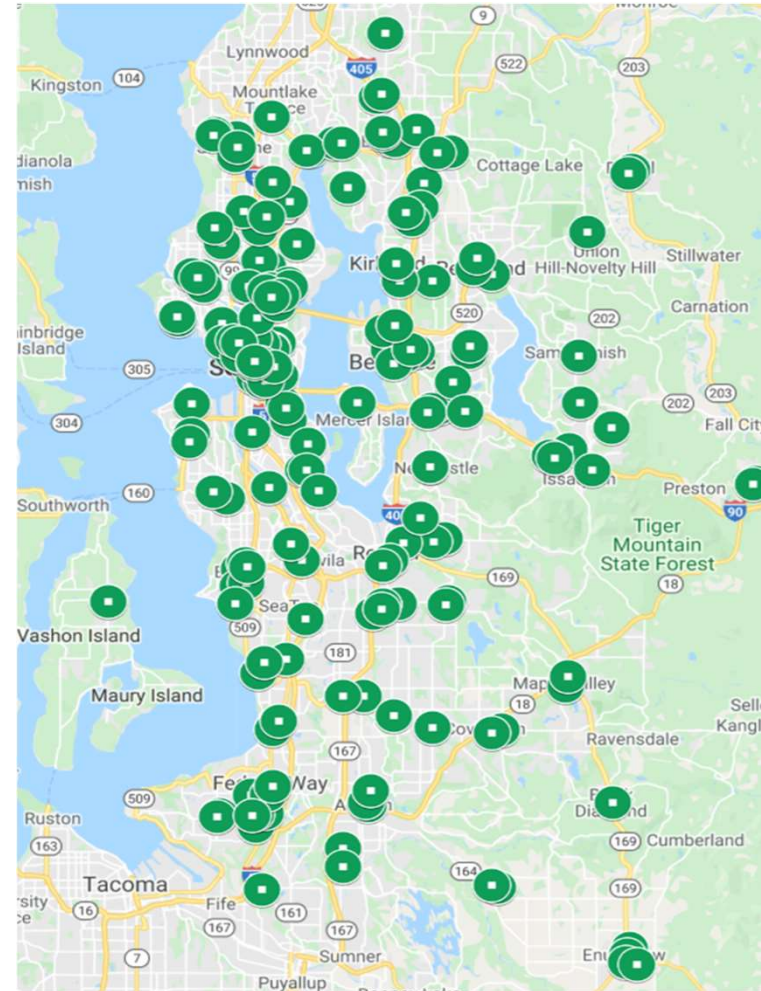
State program
operational

2021

Secure Medicine Return Timeline

King County Program Statistics

- **430 drug producers** participate
- **198 drop-boxes** across King County (pharmacies & law enforcement offices)
- **115 tons** of unwanted medicines have disposed of since 2017
- **4 times** the number of collection sites required by the state program, which will continue after transition



State Program Status & Transition

- Statewide Program now in place & operating
- Managed by WA State Dept. of Health
- King County program is transitioning to state program
 - Maintains all current KC collection sites
 - Seamless to users; program operator is also the same (MED-Project)
- State program is currently legislated to end in 2029
- What this means to King County BOH and BOH Code

Requested Action by Board of Health

- Revise BOH code to suspend local program, through R & R 21-01
- Leave local authorization language in place, in case program needs to restart if/when state program ends
- Questions...