

Pre-PIC October 8 Hazardous Waste Management Program Update

DISCUSSION

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Maythia Airhart, Director of the Hazardous Waste Management Program, will provide an overview of the Program and its operations, outcomes, and impacts. She will also discuss the Program's City and Tribal Grants and a potential 2026 rate increase. More information about the Program can be found on its website here.

The mission of the King County's Hazardous Waste Management Program's (Program) is to protect public health and the environment from risks posed by hazardous materials. Items that are considered hazardous waste include items like cleaning supplies, motor oil, and oil-based paints. The Program serves 2.3 million residents and over 70,000 businesses across King County doing work that includes hazardous waste collection, prevention through education and technical assistance, and research and policy. It is funded by Local Hazardous Waste fees on solid waste and sewer services, set by the King County Board of Health. Fee rates have remained the same since 2022.

The Program is overseen by a Management Coordination Committee (MCC) that provides oversight, strategic guidance, and accountability. The MCC consists of representatives from King County Solid Waste Division, King County Water & Land Resources Division, Public Health Seattle & King County, City of Seattle Public Utilities, and the Sound Cities Association. Each of these partners except SCA also provides funding and staff resources to the Program's daily operations.

The Program partners with local jurisdictions to provide direct services, coordinate resources, and support compliance with state regulations for hazardous waste management. Further, the Program administers a City and Tribal Grant Program which provides funding for hazardous waste collection and education initiatives by cities and Tribes.