



DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

# SOLID & HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM



## PROTECTING HEALTH, PREVENTING POLLUTION

Our program protects the health of Kitsap residents and promotes safe environments by preventing pollution from solid and hazardous waste. We respond to complaints from community members and work proactively with businesses and other organizations to ensure waste is handled, stored, and disposed of properly.

*“The aspect of my work that I find most rewarding is the ability to help those in need while simultaneously working to protect and improve the health of my community.”*

Kayla Petersen, BA, Environmental Health Specialist

## WHAT WE DO

Our program fulfills a number of important regulatory, enforcement, and educational roles. Our team:

- Oversees the cleanup of unsanitary, unsafe solid waste accumulations
- Enforces local solid waste regulations
- Inspects solid waste facilities for compliance with regulations and permitting
- Offers technical Pollution Prevention Assistance to businesses
- Provides environmental health assessments for schools

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

500+

solid waste-related  
citizen complaints  
responded to.

250+

visits to businesses  
by our Pollution  
Prevention Specialists.

75+

inspections of solid  
waste facilities.

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## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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## AT A GLANCE

**PROGRAM NAME:** Solid & Hazardous Waste

**MANAGER:** Steve Brown

**2022 FTE STAFF:** 4

**KEY LEGAL MANDATES GUIDING WORK:**

- **WAC 173-350** (Solid Waste Handling Standards)
- **WAC 173-340** (Model Toxics Control Act)
- **WAC 246-366** (Primary & Secondary Schools)
- **WAC 173-351** (Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills)

**GRANTS & SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR 2021:**

- Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) Grant
- Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership
- Kitsap County Public Works- Solid Waste Division

*Thank you to our funders and community partners for their continued support!*



**DEALING WITH A MESSY SITUATION?** We frequently receive solid and hazardous waste complaints related to ongoing disputes between neighbors or tenants and landlords. While we will investigate any situation that could endanger public health, our involvement is sometimes viewed as an escalation between the parties involved in a dispute. In these situations, we recommend residents reach out to the nonprofit Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County or contact the state Attorney General's Office for tenant/landlord resources.

## 2022 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We restarted our **Schools Health & Safety Inspection program**, which was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We are tracking to meet our program goals of **inspecting all public and private K-12 schools within three years.**



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

In 2023, we are looking forward to **revising and adopting new Solid & Hazardous Waste regulations.** The current regulations we operate underneath are dated back to 2010. If you are interested in providing input on regulations, please get in touch!

Additionally, while we are **happy the Schools Health & Safety Inspection program is running again**, we have a new goal: to build it into a more robust version of itself. We will share more information about this goal in the coming year.



We've **increased our presence on social media** to educate the public about our work and share tips for safely handling waste. Follow Kitsap Public Health on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



## REPORT GARBAGE & HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CONCERNS

Report anonymously online:  
[kitsappublichealth.org/concern](https://kitsappublichealth.org/concern)

Or by phone:  
**360-728-2235**

*Thank you for helping keep our community safe and healthy!*

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