



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

- Rate Adjustment
- Management Plan Update
- Policy and Legislative Priorities

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.



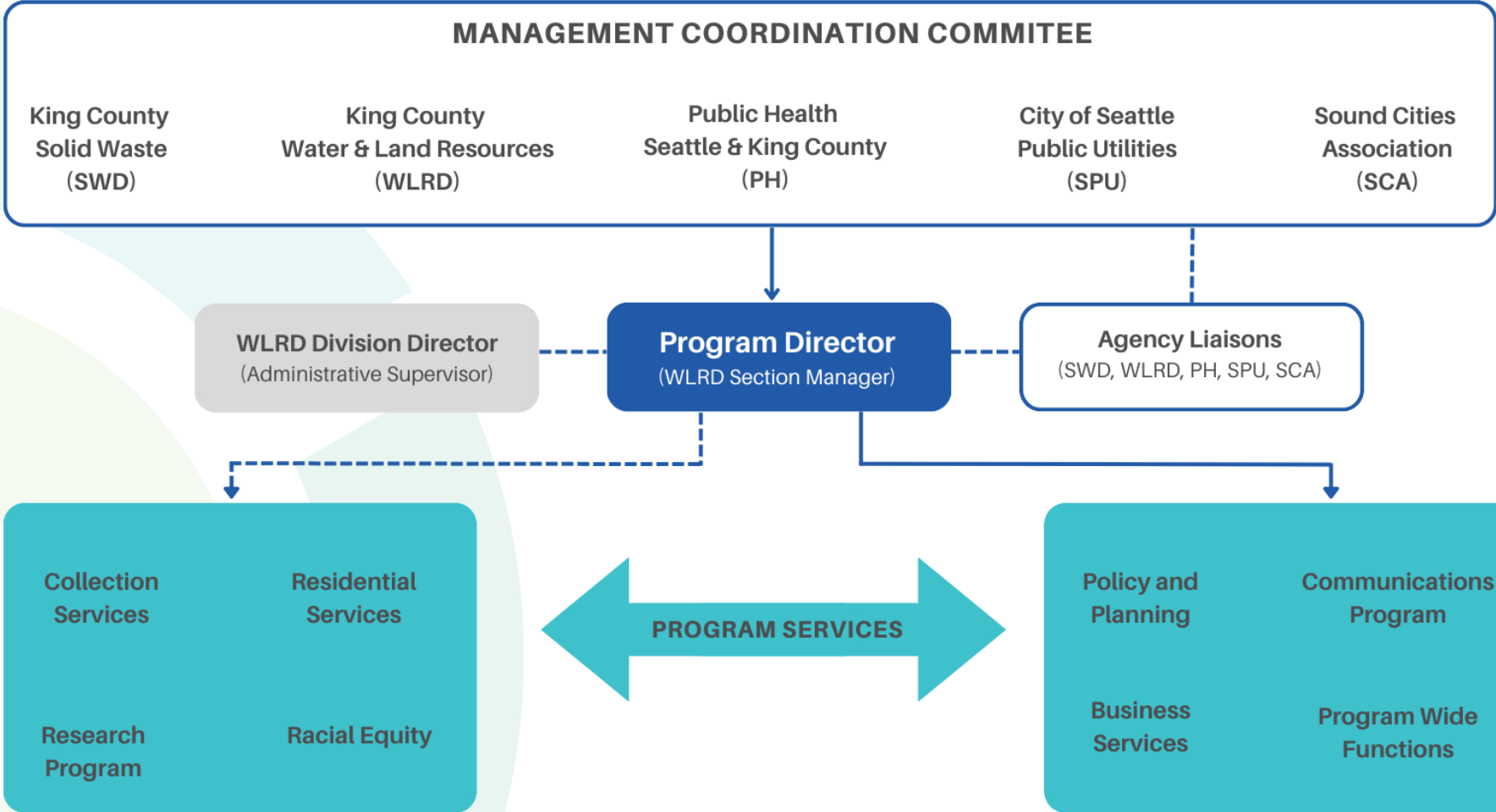
Unified Program

Managed by a Multi-Jurisdictional Management Coordination Committee.



Program Structure

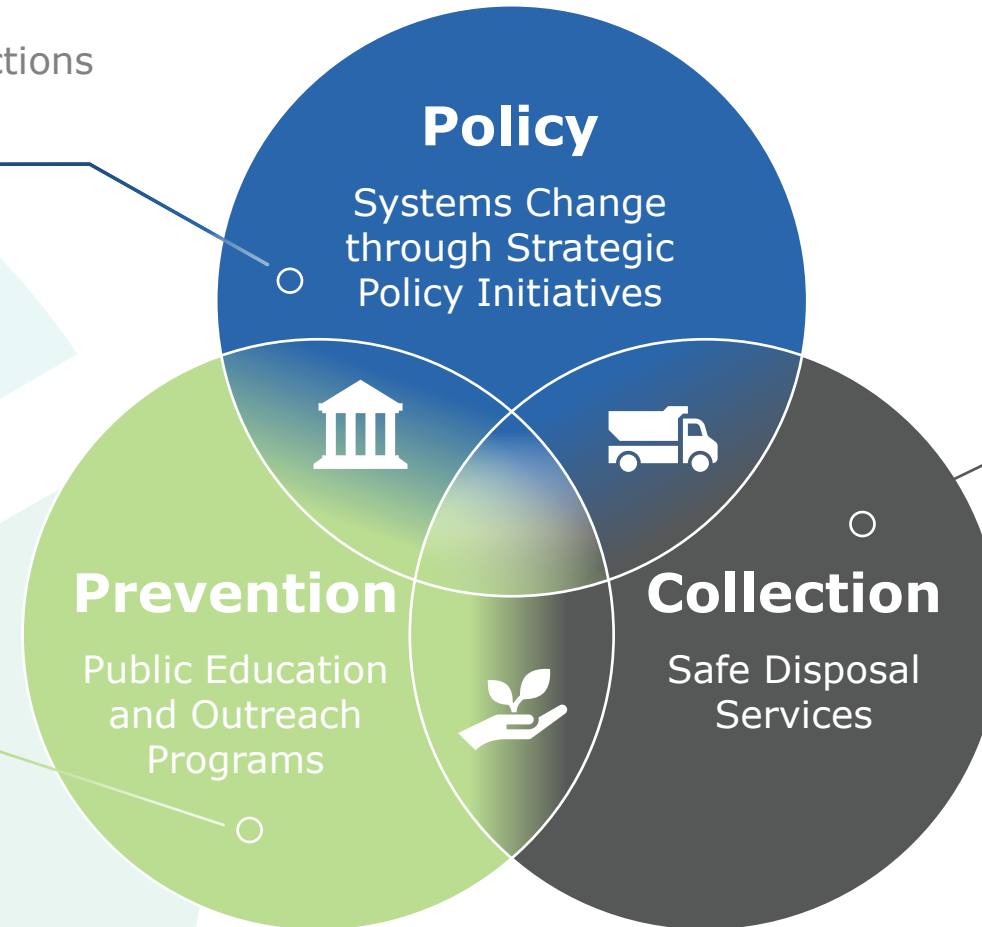
Unified, multi-agency model operated through lines of business, annual plans, partner agreements



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)

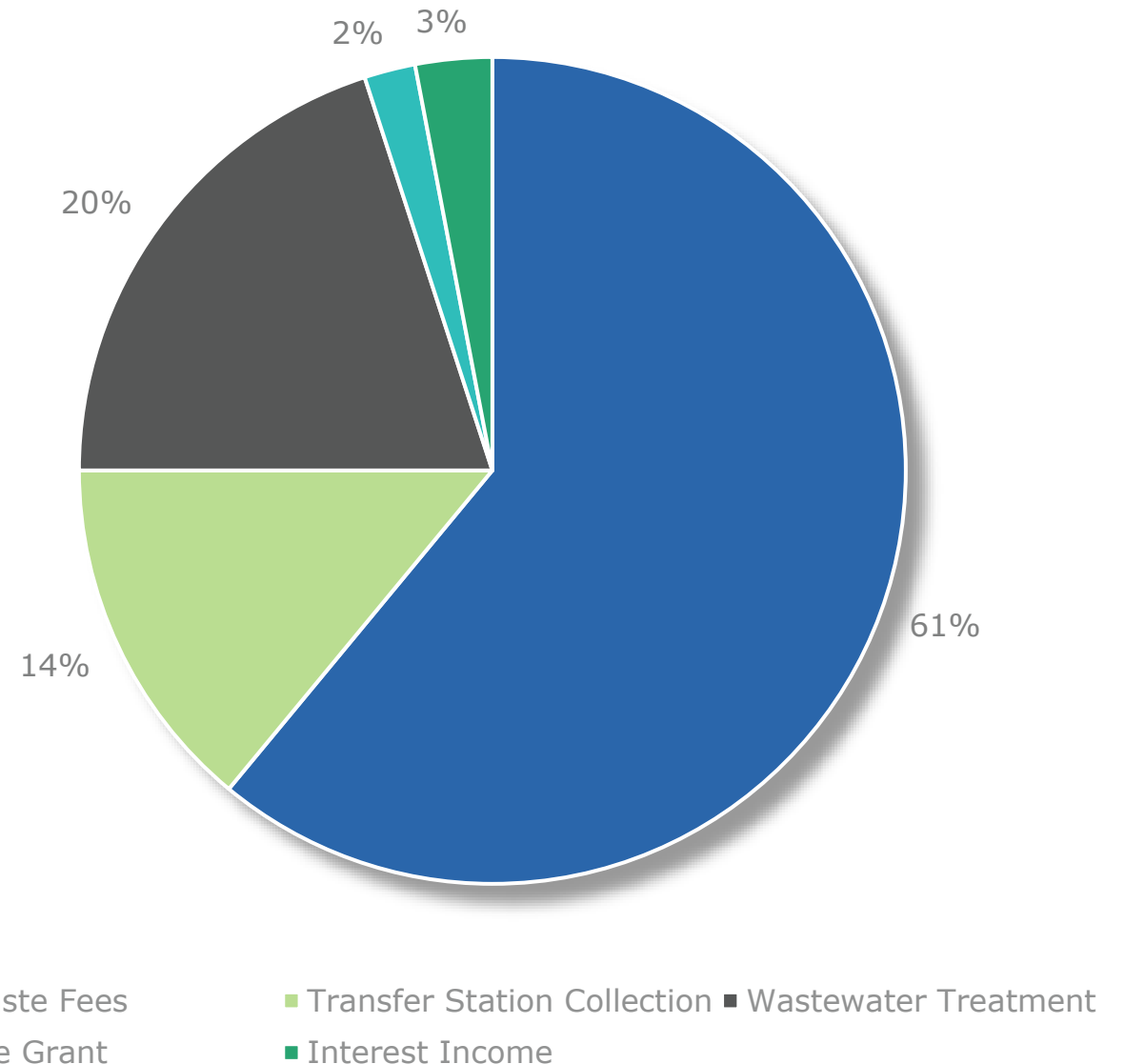


- Year-round collection facilities
- Mobile collection across King County including unincorporated
- City and Tribe Sponsored collection and education events

Program Funding

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

2023 Local Hazardous Waste Fees



Rate Planning Status

01

Last rate change: 2019; no increase since 2022.

02

Need for adjustment: Inflation and rising operational costs require a rate increase to maintain service levels.

03

Explored rate adjustment options and feasibility for a rate increase in 2026. Did not pursue.

04

Per MCC request, we are now exploring potential rate adjustment options for 2027 or 2028, to come before the Board in 2026 or 2027.

Current State

Future State

01

Adequate funding: Current balance sufficient to maintain required operating reserve through 2028.

02

Postponing the 2026 rate increase eases financial strain and improves planning for future needs.

03

Stakeholder engagement and proposal development will be between 2026-2027.

04

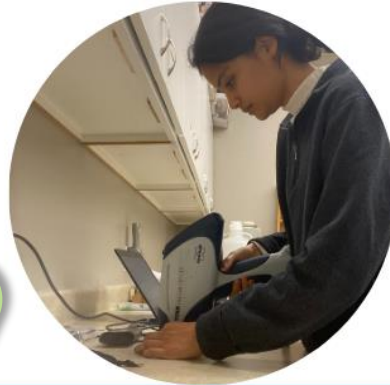
Align with King County biennial budget process for future planning.

10-Year 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

2025 Legislative Forecast Overview

✓ **HB 1084** – Tax exemptions for unleaded aircraft fuel

AvGas – Lead testing around airports

✓ Electric vehicle batteries

SB 5045 – Electric vehicle batteries (alternate)

✓ **HB 1150** – WA Recycling Reform Act

Deposit return system for beverage containers

✓ **SB 5033** – PFAS in biosolids

✗ **HB 1041** – Replacement tires for consumers

HB 1107 – Washington Fashion Sustainability
Accountability Act

HB 1071/SB 5058 – Strategies for higher recycling rates

✓ Right to repair – Electronics

Right to repair – Motorized wheelchairs

✓ Refrigerant gases bill

✓ Ban on flavored vapes & menthol cigarettes

CURB (Cumulative Risk Burden) Pollution Act

Amendments to Safe Medication Return law

Amendments to the solar panel recycling law

Amendments to Safer Products for Washington

✓ Support ✗ Oppose

Questions?

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