

What is pollution prevention assistance?



Hands-on assistance for Washington businesses

Small businesses typically have limited access to expertise on stormwater management and hazardous waste handling and disposal. Ecology's Local Source Control Partnership program funds jurisdictions throughout Washington to offer pollution prevention assistance to local businesses.

Specialists in participating jurisdictions offer free, on-site technical assistance to help small businesses identify and resolve possible causes of pollution. This hands-on assistance and regulatory advice reduces health risks for employees and prevents polluted runoff from harming Washington's streams, rivers, and Puget Sound.

As a result of pollution prevention assistance, Washington businesses:

- Adopt safer materials handling and storage practices.
- Manage interior and exterior drainage systems to reduce impacts to stormwater.
- Create a plan for spill prevention and preparedness.
- Use fewer toxics in their processes or replace toxic chemicals with safer alternatives.



Since the program began in 2008



More than
26,000
Completed visits



More than
32,000
Problems found



90%
Problems resolved

Top 5 problems specialists find during visits

[Based on data collected July 2015–June 2017]

- 1** No or inadequate spill response procedures.
- 2** No or inadequate spill response materials.
- 3** Employees need proper training.
- 4** Other hazardous waste issues.
- 5** Need to implement proper housekeeping.

Top 5 business sectors where specialists find problems

[Based on data collected July 2015–June 2017]



Auto repair shops



Restaurants



Construction contractors



Gas stations



Auto dealers

Current partner jurisdictions

Partners funded through the July 2017–June 2019 biennium are located in three critical areas—the Columbia River, Puget Sound, and the Spokane River.



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City of Port Angeles

Clark

Clark County Environmental Services
Clark County Public Health

Jefferson

Jefferson County Public Health

King

City of Bothell
City of Issaquah
City of Kirkland
City of Redmond

City of Shoreline

King County Water and Land
Seattle Public Utilities

Kitsap

Kitsap Public Health District
(includes Mason County)

Pierce

City of Puyallup
City of Sumner
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Skagit

Skagit County Department of Public Health

Snohomish

Snohomish Health District

Spokane

Spokane Regional Health District

Thurston

Thurston County Public Health

Whatcom

City of Bellingham
Whatcom County Health Department

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