

# Focus on: Update of the Washington State Solid & Hazardous Waste Plan (State Plan)

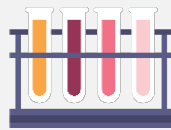
## State Plan Vision

We can transition to a society where waste is viewed as inefficient, and where most wastes and toxic substances have been eliminated. This will contribute to economic, social, and environmental vitality.

## State Plan Priorities



Increase our focus on manufacturing and use phases, not just on end-of-life issues.



Reduce toxic threats in products and industrial processes.



Maximize effectiveness of recycling and organic processing systems.



Mitigate climate change through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.

## Time to update the State Plan

It's time to update the State Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan: Moving Washington Beyond Waste and Toxics. Similar to how local governments are required to update their waste plans, the state is also required to update a statewide waste plan periodically.

## What is being updated?

The 2021 State Plan has still has a sustainable materials management approach and maintains the vision to reduce and eliminate waste and toxics and use any remaining waste as resources. It also has the five plan sections that are in the 2015 version, each with goals and actions:

**1**

Managing Hazardous Waste & Materials (includes moderate risk waste)

**2**

Managing Solid Wastes & Materials (includes organics)

**3**

Reducing Impacts of Materials & Products

**4**

Measuring Progress

**5**

Providing Outreach & Information

While the structure and direction of the 2015 plan is still helpful and needed, the waste world changed over the past five years. The recycling system changed in response to export markets no longer accepting commingled recyclables. Concerns about plastics, food waste, climate change, toxic chemicals and products, and Puget Sound health have grown. The Washington Legislature implemented new laws in some of these areas. This update addresses these realities as well as continuing the unfinished work from the 2015 plan.

## Tell us what you think

We welcome comments on the second draft of the State Plan update through September 30, 2021. You may comment on the entire plan or just the areas you are most familiar with or interested in. Please reference the section you are commenting on. Any information you provide on the comment form or in an attachment may be publicly disclosed and posted on the Internet.

The State Plan is also required to undergo a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review process. Documents will be posted on the SEPA register for commenting when ready.

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/separ/Main/SEPA/Search.aspx>

**Following the public comment period, we will address comments and publish the final State Plan update.**

- **Read the second draft State Plan update:**  
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2104040.html>
- **Comment on the second draft State Plan update by September 30, 2021:**  
<https://swm.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=K67fG>
- **Review comments from the first draft public review:**  
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2107013.html>

## Stay informed

To stay informed of the plan update process, sign up for the State Plan listserv:

<http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=WA-STATE-WASTE-PLAN>

## Related Information

State Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan webpage: <https://ecology.wa.gov/beyondwaste>

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