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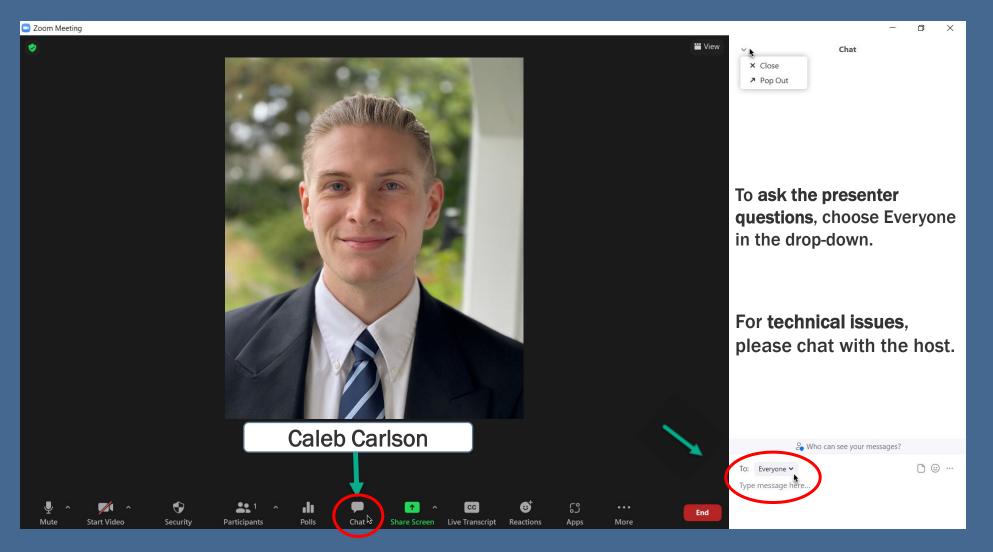
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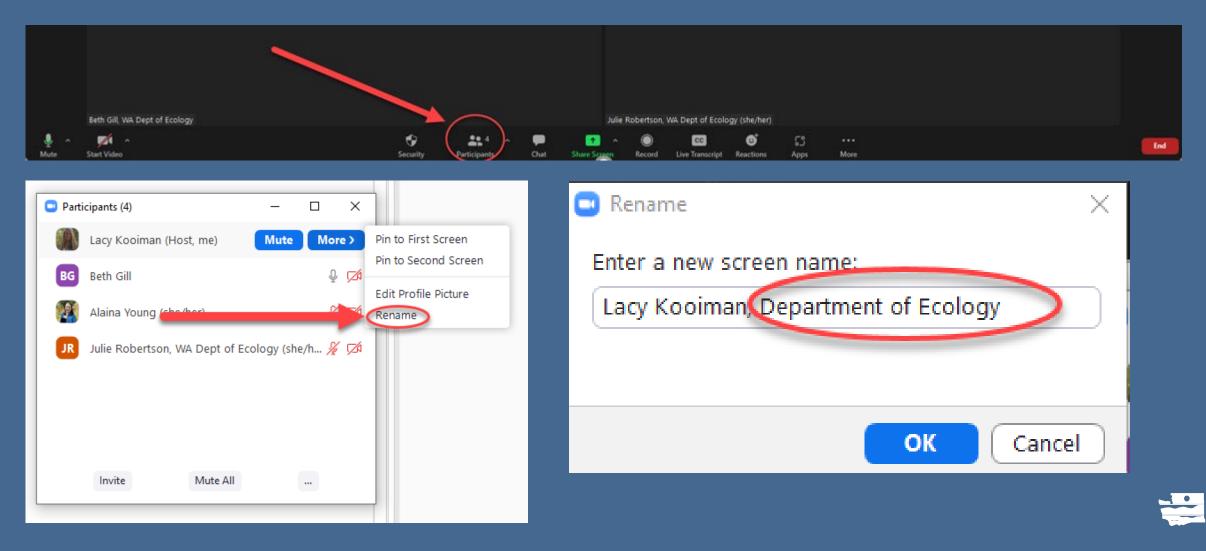
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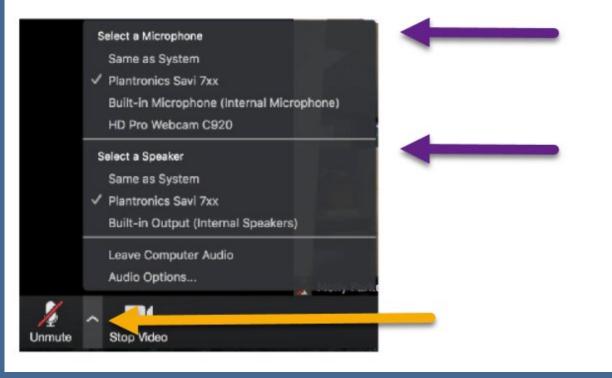
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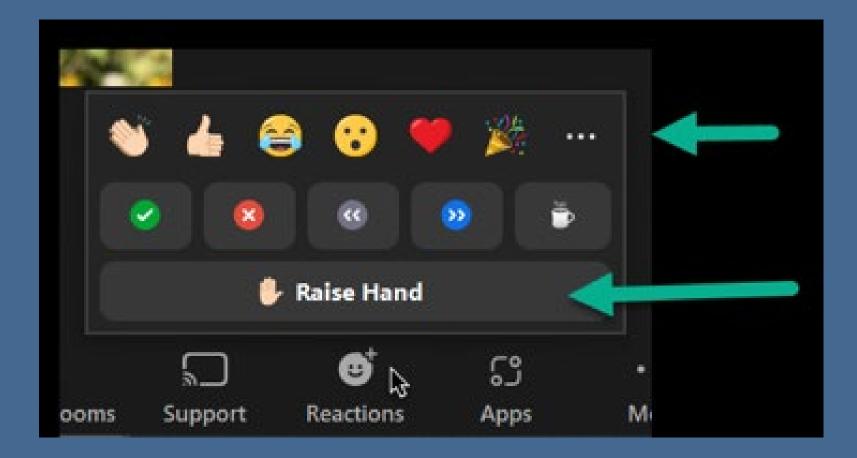
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Kara Steward







# **Recycling Development Center**

Kara Steward, Solid Waste Management Program September 21, 2022



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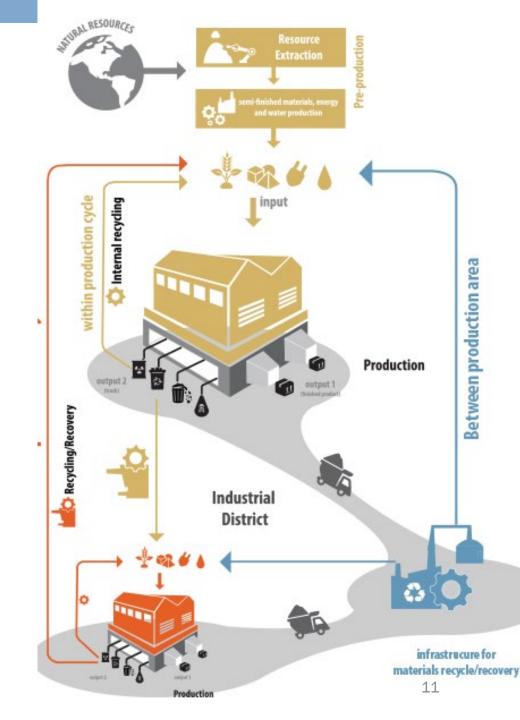


(2) Therefore, it is the policy of the state to create the recycling development center to research, incentivize, and develop new markets and expand existing markets for recycled commodities and recycling facilities (RCW 70A.240.010)



## **Commerce** partnership

- Recycling Development Center
- Industrial Symbiosis
- Innovation Cluster Accelerator
  Program
- Choose Washington State website





## **Advisory Board**

- Natalie Caulkins Republic Services
- Sam Dart Grant County
- Corinne Drennan Pacific Northwest
  National Laboratory
- Karl Englund Washington State University
- Kyla Fisher Ameripen
- Nina Goodrich Sustainable Packaging Coalition (retired)
- Allen Langdon Circular Matters

- Kris Major City of Spokane
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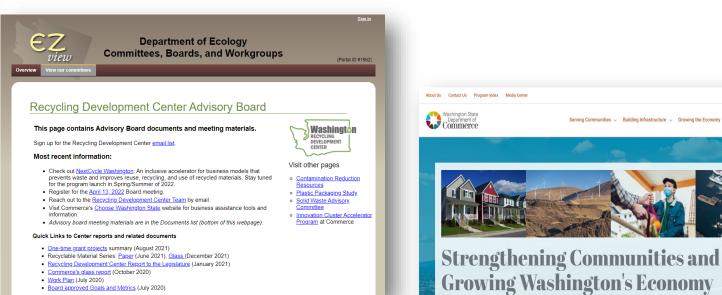
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strengthen communities so all residents may thrive and prosper.

### **Online resources**





· Board approved Goals and Metrics (July 2020)



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# **Report to the Legislature**

- Contents
- Executive Summary
- Operations and Logistics
- Accomplishments 2021-2022
- Work Plan 2023-2024
- Challenges, Goals, Metrics
- Solid Waste Data Supplement



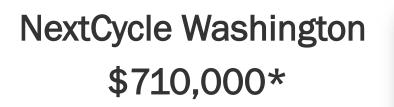




## Accomplishments 2021-2022

### Agency Support and Research \$1,210,114

- Ecology and Commerce staff
- Paper, Glass, and Plastic research papers
- 15 Board meetings with slides, and notes posted to the EZ page





Supporting businesses, community-based organizations and individuals working to expand the circular economy in Washington State.

Interested in applying for a NextCycle Washington governance role? We are currently seeking Applicant Mentors and Renew Seed Grant Governance members. Learn more and apply below.

OPEN GOVERNANCE ROLES

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\*NextCycle funds committed in 2022, to be spent in 2023



## Accomplishments 2021-2022

### Recycling Studies \$324,437



### Pilot Projects \$150,00





## Accomplishments 2021-2022

### **Economic and Equity Analysis**

Report by Western Washington University's Center for Economic Business Development

### \$130,00



### Business Resources \$100,000



### washington materials marketplace





## **Center funding**

Center activity	Funds used for	Amount	Percent
Ecology staff	3 staff	\$ 744,362	28 %
Commerce staff	2 staff	\$ 465,752	18 %
NextCycle Washington	Online platform	\$ 440,000*	17 %
NextCycle grants	27 grants	\$ 270,000*	10 %
Recycling studies	7 projects	\$ 324,437	12 %
Pilot projects	3 projects	\$ 150,000	6 %
Economic research	1 contract	\$ 130,000	5 %
Business resources	2 projects	\$ 100,000	4 %
Total funds		\$ 2,624,551	<b>100</b> %

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## 2023-2024 Work Plan



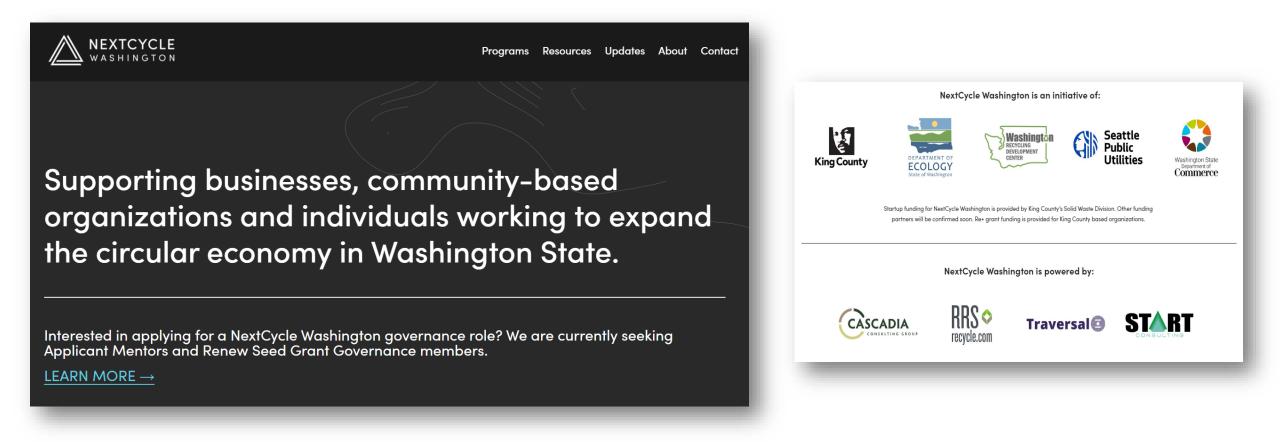


## 2023-2024 Work Plan





## NextCycle Washington





## NextCycle Washington

There are two ways to participate in NextCycle Washington:



**Circular Accelerator** 

The 2022 application period is now closed. Stay tuned for 2023 Circular Accelerator details

Competitive challenges designed to support promising circular businesses and projects



**Renew Seed Grants** 

Launching September 21, 2022

A great starting point for funding new innovative businesses and projects



### **Apply Today!**



## NextCycle Upstream Accelerator

Organization	Project focus
Plover	Upcycling textile product lines using pre-consumer textile material
Refugee Artisan Initiative	Upcycling textiles by refugee and immigrant women using post-consumer materials, life fire hoses
Geer Garage	Online peer-to-peer outdoor gear rentals
Okapi Reusable	Reusable cup network serving cafes and coffee shops
South King Tool Library	Develop replicable tool library sharing platform model
Just Right Bite	Develop and market pet food using insect-based inputs
Community Gearbox	App based sharing platform for outdoor gear and other products



## NextCycle Downstream Accelerator

Organization	Project focus
Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association	Community scale anaerobic digestion of food waste to produce biofuel and liquid fertilizer
Regenerated Textiles	Develop pilot for demonstration of advanced textile recycling module in shipping container to produce recycled fibers
Birch Biosciences	Plan pilot for demonstration of plastic depolymerization using engineered enzymes to produce food grade recycled PET
Glass Packaging Institute	Develop glass aggregation and color sorting facility in central and eastern Washington to overcome economic barriers
Glacier	Expand market case for low-cost small footprint robotics and A-I for material recovery facilities
Ground2Ground Glass	Expand glass recycling to sand operation in the Walla Walla valley
Restaurant 2 Garden	Expand pilot community-scale restaurant food waste composting in Chinatown- International District



### **NextCycle Grants**

### Renew Seed Grant Applications Open on Sept 21.

### 37 Grants Available Up to \$10,000





nextcyclewashington.com/renew-seed-grant



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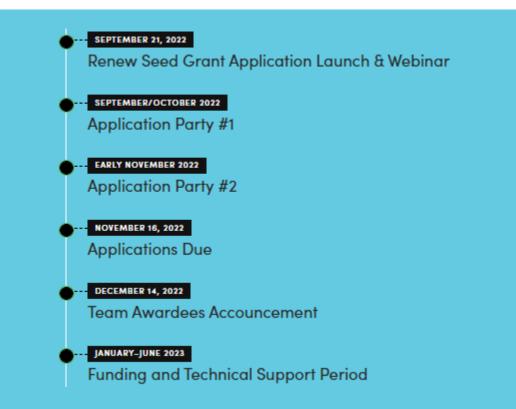


## NextCycle timelines

### Accelerator



### **Seed Grants**





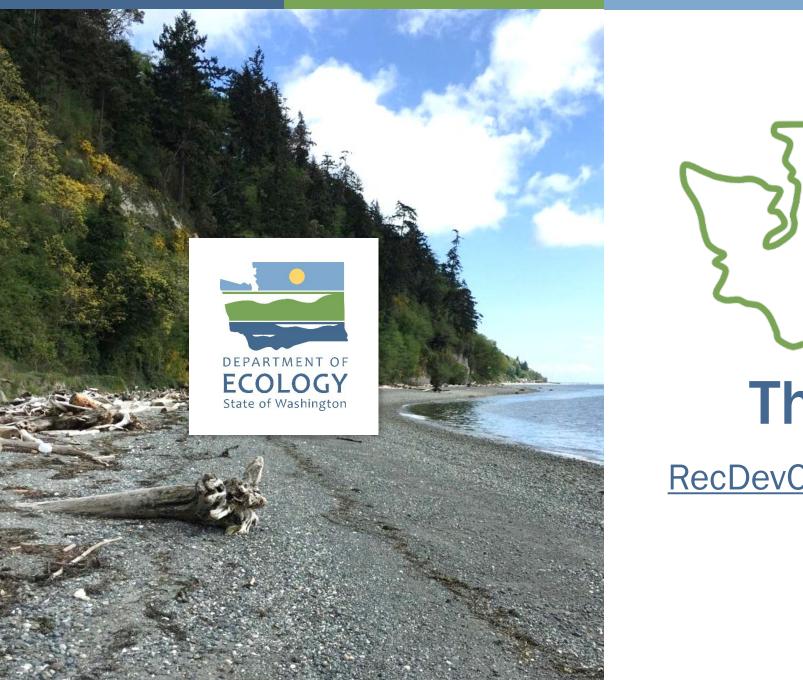
## **Glass Summit**

### Eastern Washington, Spring 2023

Agenda is under development:

- Data analysis
- Collection challenges
- Innovative solutions
- Wine industry
- Community perspective
- End market options







Thank you

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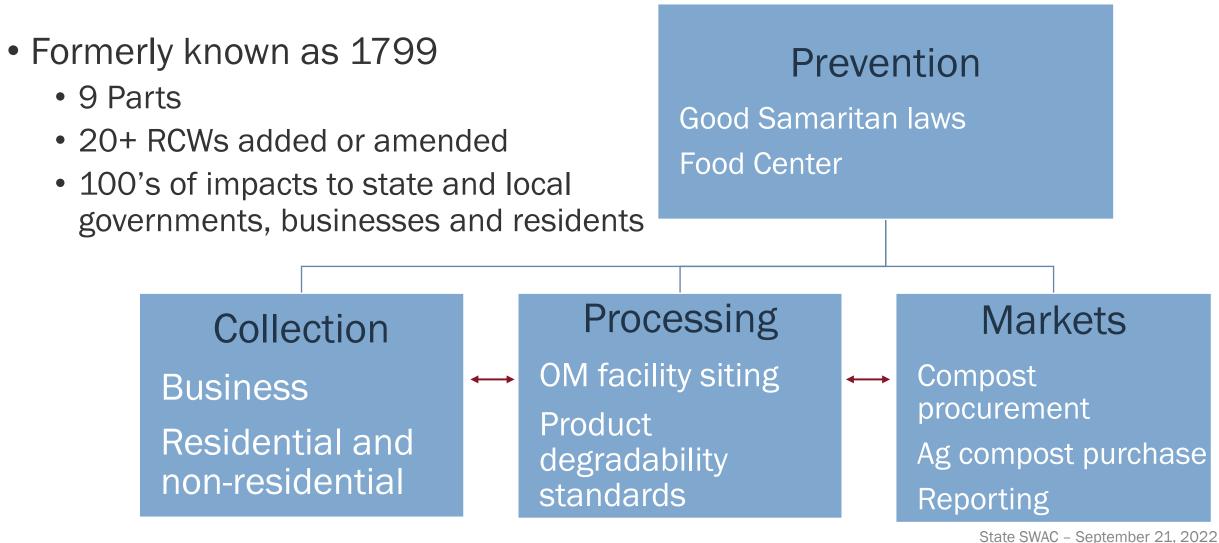
# **2022 Organics Management Law**

Chery Sullivan Department of Ecology

# **Organics Management Law**



**Reduce methane emissions by diverting organics from landfills** 





# **Compost Procurement Ordinance (CPO)**

- Timelines
  - January 1, 2023
    - Jurisdictions with greater than 25,000 population, and
    - Jurisdictions where curbside organics collection service is provided
  - December 31, 2024 and subsequent even years
    - Report to Ecology: 1. Total tons of organic diverted, 2. Volume of compost purchased, 3. Source of compost



# **Compost Procurement Ordinance (CPO)** Options

- Adopt a CPO
- Amend existing recycled product procurement ordinances to include compost purchase

 Local governments can work together to draft identical or similar CPOs for separate adoption



# **Organics collection for businesses**

### Timeline

- July 1, 2023
  - Ecology must post which jurisdictions have organics collection available to businesses, and
  - Identify organic management facilities that have capacity to accept more volume.







## **Organics collection for businesses**

- Businesses must arrange for organic collection
  - Jan. 1, 2024
    - Generating at least eight cubic yards of organic material waste per week
  - Jan. 1, 2025
    - Generating at least four cubic yards of organic material waste per week
  - Jan. 1, 2026
    - Generating at least **four** cubic yards of **solid waste** per week

### <u>Definitions</u>

"Business" means a commercial or public entity including, but not limited to, a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint stock company, corporation, or association that is organized as a for-profit or nonprofit entity. [Note: This definition includes public, nonprofit entities such as schools, churches, and hospitals]

**"Business"** does not include a multifamily residential entity.

# **Organics collection for businesses**

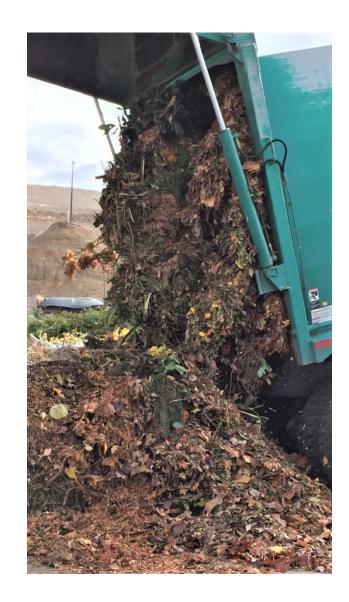
- Exemptions may apply if:
  - No haulers to collect organics
  - No capacity to process additional organics
    - Jurisdiction needs to send a note to Ecology explaining how exemptions apply
  - Businesses:
    - Manage organic material on site
    - Self-haul to an organic management facility
    - Other...



## **Finance study**

## July 1, 2023

- Ecology work with WACSWM, AWC, WRRA, and other stakeholders to:
  - Assess how policy and legislation impacted local government funding issues
  - Recommend how to support solid waste collection and recycling if policies/legislation reduce funding





## **Food Center**

January 1, 2024: Washington Center for Sustainable Food Management established to meet Use Food Well Washington Goals and recommendations

**Goal 1:** Reduce food waste **generated** by 50 percent by 2030 **Goal 2:** Reduce at least half of edible food waste by 2030

Read the UFWW Plan and more on our <u>webpage</u> Stay connected by subscribing to the UFWW <u>email list</u>



State SWAC - September 21, 2022



## **Organics Management Facility Siting**

Expand infrastructure capacity and/or volumetric capacity:

 July 2024, new or updated <u>Comprehensive</u> <u>Solid Waste Management Plans</u> must include identification of possible locations for organic materials management facilities.



Vander Haak Dairy Digester/Craig Freer

 January 2025, new or updated
 <u>Comprehensive Plans</u> must include identification of possible locations for organic materials management facilities.



## **Product degradability labeling** January 1, 2024

- ALL <u>compostable</u> food service products, including film, must meet specific labeling, and compostability standards
- Ecology, cities, and counties to enforce and issue and collect civil penalties
- Enforcement is complaint based using Ecology's complain forum
- Ecology will work with jurisdictions to educate retailers, consumers and producers about updates to the law.





## **Residential/non-residential collection**

- January 1, 2027
  - Jurisdictions meeting specific criteria must provide everyother-week organic materials collection to those that generate >.25 cy organic material per week
  - Ecology will work with stakeholders to develop waivers to exempt jurisdictions from criteria, such as:
    - Dispose <5,000 tons solid waste
    - < < 25,000 population
    - Economic feasibility (distance to processing facility with capacity)
    - Other



## **Rules: To write or not to write**

- <u>RCW 70A.205.540</u> Organic solid waste collection services Fees Exceptions.
  - Waivers
- <u>RCW 70A.205.540</u> Organic solid waste collection services Fees Exceptions.
  - If goals are not achieved
- <u>Chapter 70A.207 RCW</u> WA Center for Sustainable Food Management
  - Necessary to implement chapter
- <u>Chapter 70A.455 RCW</u> Plastic Product Degradability RCW 70A.455.120 (1)
  - Necessary to implement chapter

## Chery Sullivan

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**Contact Information** 



## To find out more...

- Visit our resources for local governments on compost procurement, facility siting and more. https://app.box.com/s/r6jdrsznwbchouo9kme3q a4gd2uawhf.
- Subscribe to our Organics Management email news at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY.
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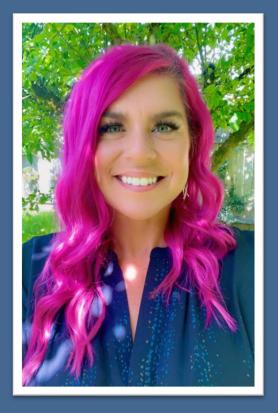
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Amber Smith







## **Litter Prevention Campaign Update**

September 2022

Amber Smith, Statewide Litter Prevention Coordinator

## We Keep WA Litter Free Umbrella Brand

#### LitterFreeWA.org PorUnWAImpecable.org #LitterFreeWA

#### Launched Spring 2021

Keep our state safe, clean and breathtakingly beautiful

WE KEEP WA

Waste & Toxics > Solid waste & litter > Litter > Litter prevention > We Keep Washington Litter Free

Litter is a big problem with a simple solution - everyone in Washington doing their part.

Most people don't litter. But the actions of the few who do add up to expensive clean ups, dangerous road conditions and big environmental impact. Every year, Washington's state and local governments spend millions of dollars to clean up litter, but those efforts only remove a fraction of the 18 million pounds of waste that accumulate every year on our roads. In our communities and throughout our narval habitas.

R Por un Washington Impecable (en Español)

Live litter free and help others do the same.





#### Stop litter at the source





Keep a litter bag in your vehicle.

Cover and secure items If you smoke, keep a you're hauling in a pickup or trailer. vehicle.



When you're driving,Encourage your friendsthrow away trash at yourand family to live litterdestination or at a gasfree too.station or rest area.

## **Behavior Specific Social Marketing Campaigns**



for your car

## Not Littering: Simple As That

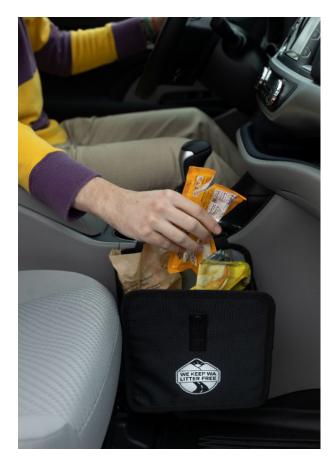
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#### LitterFreeWA.org/Simple PorUnWAImpecable.org/Simple #LitterFreeWA



## **Fred Meyer**





## **Statewide Media Tactics**

- Focused on issue awareness, reach and recall
- Video: Digital Pre-Roll & OTT
- Audio: Radio & Digital Audio ads
- Social: Facebook & Instagram Ads
- Outdoor: Gas Station Pump Toppers, video & clings (through week of 10/17)





# Not Littering – Simple As





## **Other Campaign Elements**

- State agency partners (joint press release & promotion)
- Active pitching, PR and media interviews (English & Spanish)
- Messaging on WSDOT VMS highway signs
- Homepage campaign banner
- Organic social media content
- Blog
- Litter Prevention Partner Toolkit
  - Local governments, non-profit partners
- Seattle Storm/Rave Foundation partnership
- Adopt A Highway Maintenance Corporation Kickoff





## Media Tracking Week 1

- 83M + views
- 90 mentions
- \$28K in ad equivalency value
- 47 articles, 35 broadcast mentions, 8 news releases

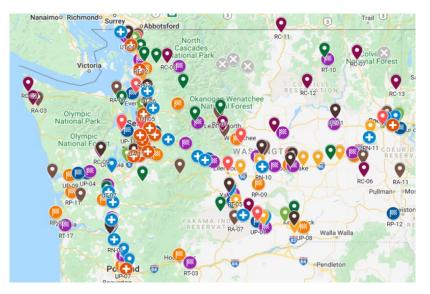






## 2022 Litter Study

- Spring sampling & preliminary results
  - 24,001 pieces of litter/mile on urban interstates (15,808 on rural interstates)
  - 30,948 pieces of litter/acre on urban interchanges (20,925 on rural interchanges)
- Fall sampling Sept. 26 Oct. 14
  - Sorting week of Oct. 17
- Final report by March 2023







# **Questions?**

Amber Smith Statewide Litter Prevention Coordinator Amber.Smith@ecy.wa.gov

**Ecology's Litter Prevention Webpage** 

Live litter free and help others do the same. LitterFreeWA.org

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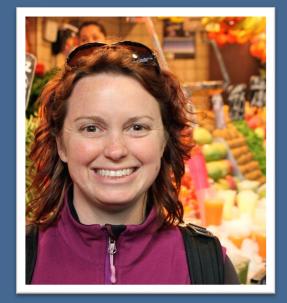
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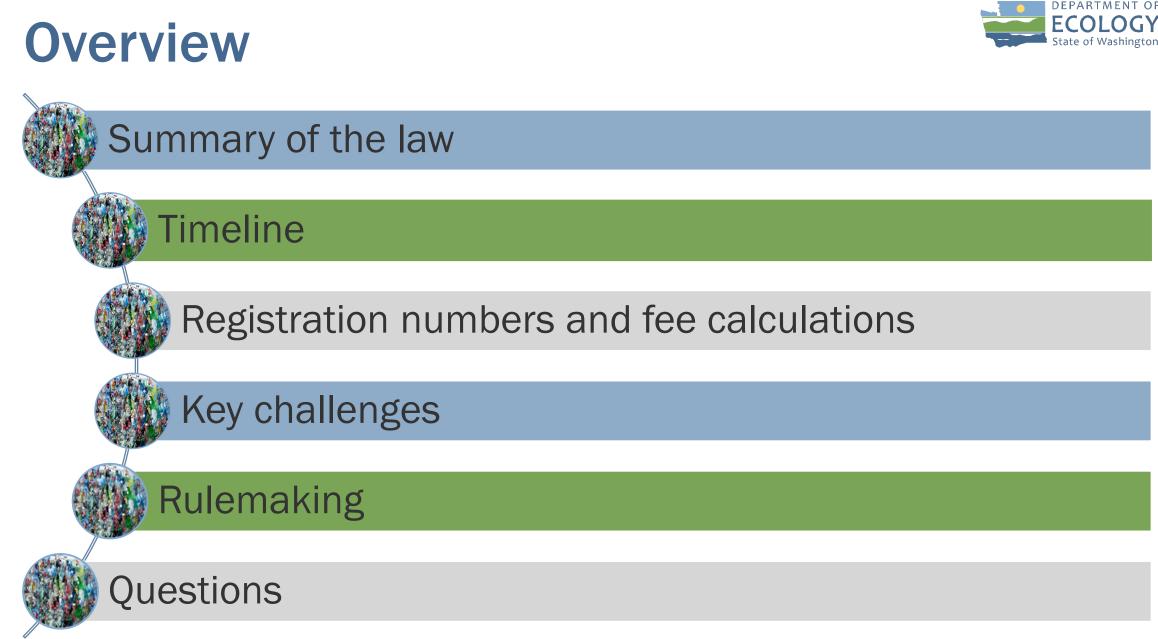




# 70A.245 RCW: Postconsumer **Recycled Content Requirements**

Alli Kingfisher

Solid Waste Management Program



## **Covered Products:**



#### Plastic Beverage Containers (2022)

\*Dairy & 187ml wine bottles (2028)





Plastic Household Cleaning & Personal Care Products (2025)



Recycled content requirements increase over time

Year	Plastic trash bag producers	Beverage container producers*	Household cleaner and personal care container producers	Plastic wine container (187 milliliters) producers	Dairy milk container producers
2023	10 percent	15 percent			
2024					
2025	15 percent		15 percent		
2026		25 percent			
2027	20 percent				
2028			25 percent	15 percent	15 percent
2029					
2030					
2031		50 percent	50 percent	25 percent	25 percent
2032					
2033					
2034					
2035					
2036	*Evoluting plastic			50 percent	50 percent

\*Excluding plastic wine and milk containers.

## TIMELINE



Benchmarks	Dates
Rulemaking began	November 2021
Ecology workload analysis	January 31, 2022
Registration deadline for ALL producers	June 15, 2022
Invoices sent to producers via e-mail	August 2022
Deadline for ALL producers to submit annual fee payment	September 2022
Deadline for completing rulemaking	December 31, 2023
Ecology annual review of PCR percentages	January 1, 2024 (annually)



## Registration

- 259 Total registered producers
- 108 registered, non-De Minimis producers
- 151 De Minimis producers



## **Rulemaking:**

- PCR Content Rule, WAC 173-925
- Approaching end of rule drafting phase
- Final advisory committee meeting September 29, 2022
- Final comments due by November 1, 2022
- Economic analysis January March, 2023
- Public comments and hearings next spring/early summer
- Rule adoption and guidance document January 2024 or sooner
- Visit Ecology's <u>PCR Rule Website</u>



## **Key Implementation Challenges**

- Definition of Producer
- Equitably distributed fee & quality assurance
- De Minimis Threshold
- Exemption for nonprescription drugs





## **Challenge:** Definition of Producer

**Challenge:** Lack of clarity for responsibility of private label/store brands

#### **Recommendation:** Clarify brand owners are responsible





# **Challenge:** Equitably distributed fees & data quality assurance

Challenge: Accuracy of reported data

Recommendation: Third party verification



## **Challenge:** De Minimis Threshold

Producers who annually sell, offer for sale, distribute, or import in or into the country for sale in Washington:

A single category of a covered product that in aggregate generates less than \$1,000,000 each year in revenue

#### OR

Less than one ton of a single category of containers or plastic trash bags each year



## **De Minimis Threshold**

- De Minimis producers are responsible for **6,517,231** lbs of resin sold into the state
  - Trash Bags4,357,918.53Beverage Containers1,121,478.61Household Cleaning and Personal Care Products1,037,834.09
- Some brands break out reporting entities to stay de minimis
- Disconnect between reported revenue and pounds of resin
- Inconsistent with other states:

New Jersey, Colorado and Oregon exempt producers with global gross revenue below \$5M

**Recommendation:** *De Minimis Producers* producers must register. Only exempt producers with global gross revenue below \$5M **AND** Less than one ton of a single category of containers or plastic trash bags each year

## **Recomendation:** De Minimis Threshold

All producers must register

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Has a gross revenue of less than \$5 million for the organization's most recent fiscal year



Less than one ton of a single category of containers or plastic trash bags each year



## **Challenge:** Exemption for nonprescription drugs

Anything used to cure, treat, or prevent disease, or to affect the structure or any function of the human body.

Drug



suntan product	sunscreen
deodorant	antiperspirant
shampoo	antidandruff shampoo
toothpaste	anti-cavity toothpaste
mouthwash	anti-gingivitis mouthwash
skin product to hide acne	anti-acne product
skin moisturizer	wrinkle remover





#### **Recommendation:** Remove exemption

**Regulated Product** 



## **Questions?**

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#### Member Updates

#### We want to hear from you!

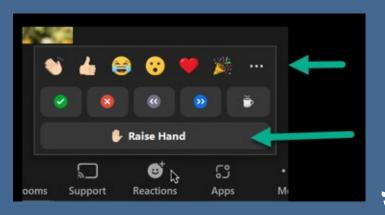
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We will call on you to speak in the order that we see names in the chat or hands raised. Please unmute yourself when it's your turn.

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