

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

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Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

September 20, 2023



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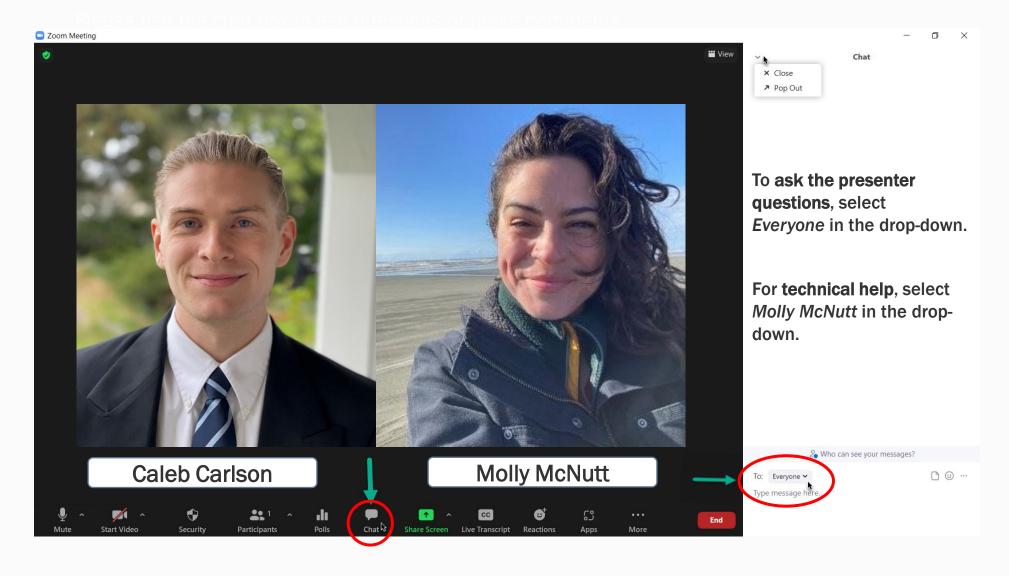
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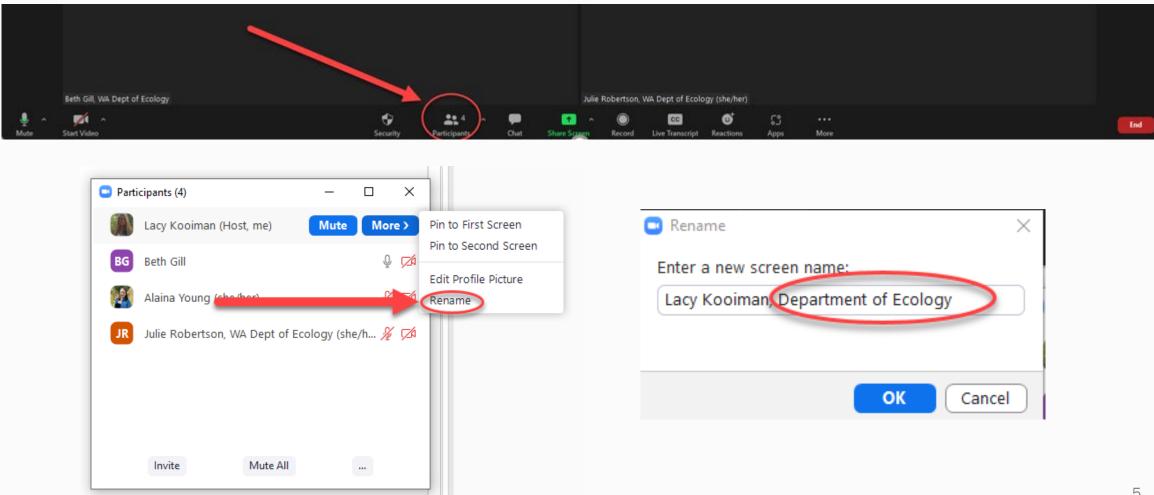


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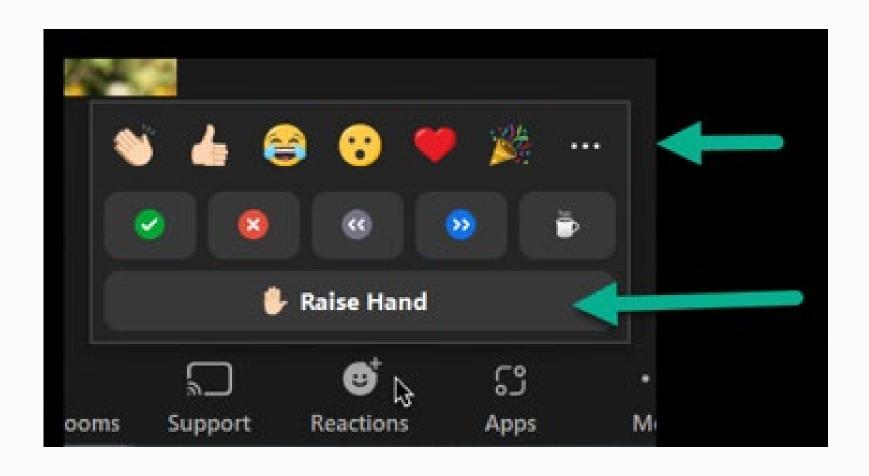
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Dept. of Ecology Updates

Julie Robertson, Blake Nelson, Janine Bogar, Marni Solheim, Mary Harrington, Carolyn Bowie, & Kara Steward





Emissions Life Cycle Assessment of Spokane Waste Management Options

Marni Solheim

Stewardship

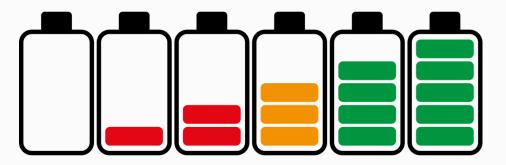
- E2SSB 5144 Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries
 - Passed the legislature
 - Signed by the Gov. on May 11th
- Create a statewide system for the collection and recycling of batteries
- FREE





Battery Program Milestones

- Rulemaking begins 2023
- Plans due July 1, 2026
- Program start July 1, 2027
- Medium format batteries included July 1, 2029
- Other tasks:
 - Research and legislative report on EV batteries 2023 & 2024
 - Assessment on excluded battery types in 2027
 - Legislative report in 2027





Finance Study: Section 104 of HB 1799

Contractor

Resource Recycling Systems with Cascadia
 Consulting Group and FCS group

Purpose

- Review and update current funding types, levels and rates of adoption
- Evaluate funding needed to implement WACSWM core services model
- Evaluate alternative funding models used in other states or countries
- Evaluate funding impacts of state policies considered or enacted 2019-2022
- Make recommendations on funding to help meet core services model and policy changes

Two draft reports for review

- Chapter 1: Executive Summary and Recommendations
- Chapter 2: Current Funding Types
- Chapter 3: Core Services Funding Needs Analysis
- Chapter 4: Alternative Funding Models
- Chapter 5: Fiscal Impacts from Policy
- Appendices: Local Government Funding for Solid Waste in Washington

Legislative report due Dec. 31, 2023

Contact: Janine Bogar

Janine.bogar@ecy.wa.gov; (360) 764-9287





Implementation Update: Compostable Packaging Study RCW 70A.205.236 (HB 1033)

Mary Harrington
Cullen Naumoff, Contract Manager, cullen.naumoff@ecy.wa.gov



Basics of the Law

- Goal is to help reduce methane generation from landfills, promote diversion of food from landfills, and support production of clean compost
- Study the use and impacts of compostable products, with a focus on food service ware
- Ecology directed to hire a facilitator
- Ecology directed to invite specified participants for an Advisory Committee
 - Members to include county and city representatives, WSDA, haulers, composters, non-profits, hospitality and grocery sector representatives, and any interested tribes
 - First meeting of advisory committee scheduled for October 2, 2023
 - Meeting schedule to be determined by the group, most likely through June 2024
 - Facilitator will direct discussion, do research as needed, provide on-going information for review by the committee



Process and Deliverables

- Advisory Committee directed to discuss topics related to compostable products and organics management including
 - Types of compostable products sold in WA
 - Consumer confusion about compostable products
 - How many compost facilities accept compostable products
 - Estimate on percentage of compostable products reaching compost facilities
 - Financial incentives to compost facilities to accept compostable packaging
- Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the legislature by September 2024



HB 1085: Reducing Plastics Pollution Passed in 2023 Legislative Session

Foam Docks & Blocks Law

- Requires docks and overwater structures containing expanded or extruded polystyrene foam to be fully enclosed.
- Effective date: January 1, 2024
- Webpage, News Release, and outreach materials coming soon.
- Contact: Carolyn Bowie
 - <u>Carolyn.Bowie@ecy.wa.gov</u>; (425) 698 3722

Health & beauty products in small plastic containers

- Lodging establishments are prohibited from providing beauty products in plastic containers that are 6 ounces or less.
- Effective dates:
 - January 1, 2027 for lodging establishments with 50 or more units
 - January 1, 2028 for lodging establishments with less than 50 units







WRAP Proviso Study: Section 302(20) of SB 5187

Contractor

Eunomia Research & Consulting, C+C, Maul Foster Alongi,
 Start Consulting Group

Purpose

- Inform the development of legislative proposals to increase recycling, reuse, and source reduction rates, which must include consideration of how to design and implement a producer responsibility model for consumer packaging. The proviso has three parts:
 - Conduct a recycling, reuse, and source reduction targets study
 - Carry out a community input process on the state's recycling system
 - Eunomia submits the report to the legislature by December 1, 2023

Study in process:

- Recycling, reuse, and source reduction target study
- Community input process
- Report to the legislature

Get involved:

Email Kara to get on the list to review the draft reports

Report to the legislature due Dec. 1, 2023

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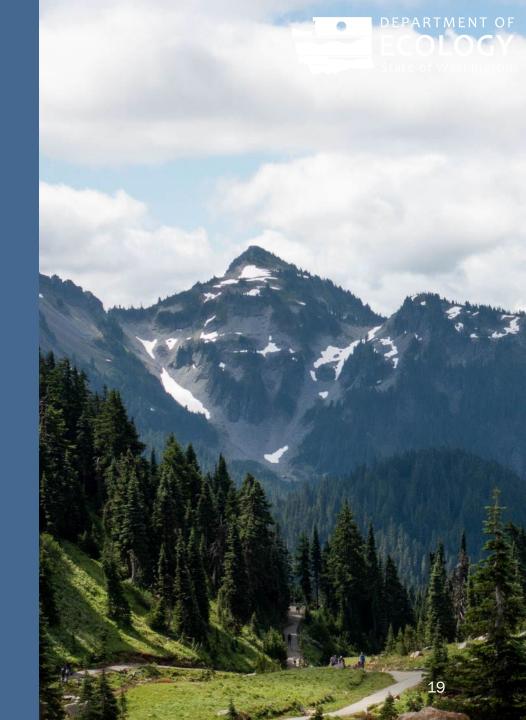
The Recycling Dev. Center & NextCycle Washington







Kara Steward, Department of Ecology Bryce Hesterman, RRS Kamal Patel, Traversal Design September 20, 2023



2023 accomplishments



Board meetings



Facility tours





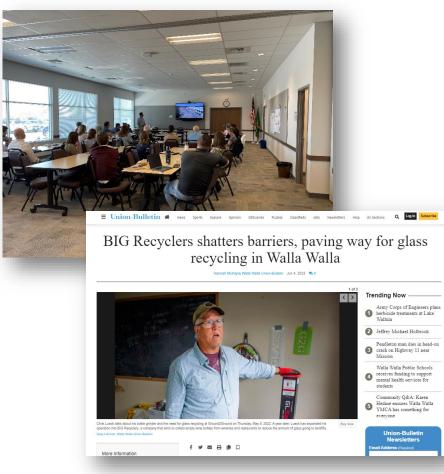








May 2023 Glass Summit



37,000 pounds of glass in 2 months



WWU Studies



Part One: Recycling Companies and Revenue



Part Two: Economic Impact of Recycling



Part Three: Equity
Analysis of Recycling

https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2307011.html https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2307012.html https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2307013.html

UW Evans study

Market development recommendations

- Build relationships: forums, facilitate connections
- Partnerships: industry, nonprofits, business, community
- Collect and Share Data: materials, emissions, economics
- <u>Make Investments</u>: accelerators, grants
- Incorporate Equity: HEAL Act
- Prioritize: materials/actions





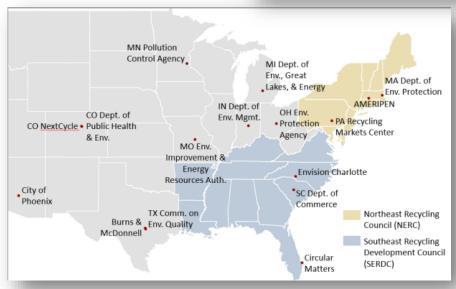
Developing Priorities in Recycling Markets

Prepared by Lars Borson-Paine, Sylvaine Bucher, Kristine Jones, and Becca Walker, graduate students at the University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy and Governance

For the Recycling Development Cente

Washington State Department of E Olympia, Washington

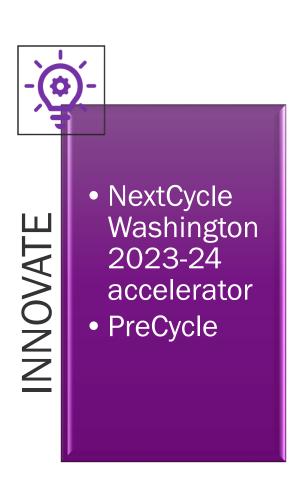
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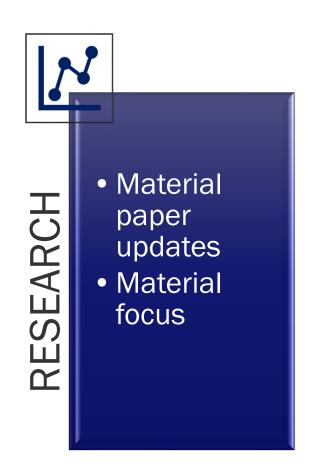




2024 plans









NextCycle Washington



Year End Report

https://www.nextcyclewashington.com/s/NCWA-Year-End-Report.pdf

Gap Analysis

www.nextcyclewashington.com/resources1/nextcycle-washington-gap-analysis

Circular funding resource guide

www.nextcyclewashington.com/resources1/nextcycle-washington-circular-funding-resource-guide

Resilience Maps

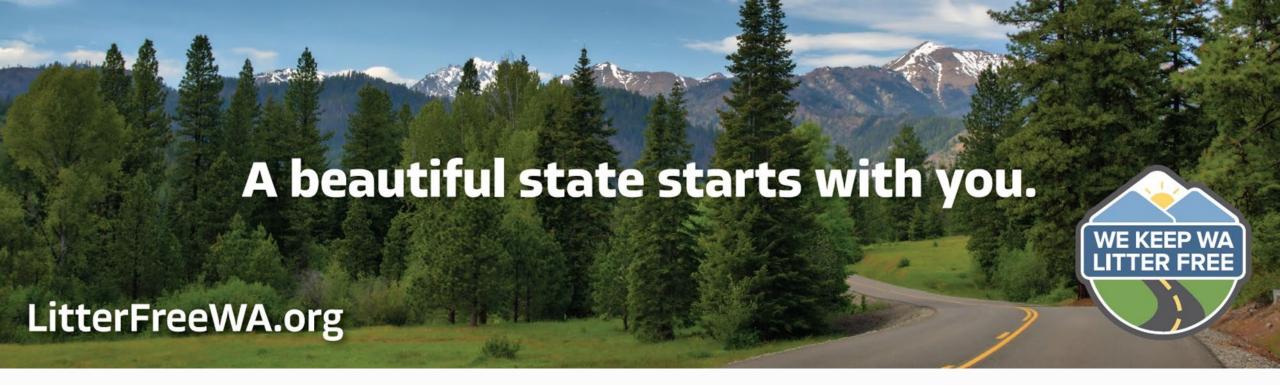
www.equityanalyticsgroup.com/resilience-networks

2022 Litter Study Results & September Prevention Campaign



Amber Smith-Jones, Department of Ecology September 20, 2023







September Prevention Campaign & 2022 Litter Study

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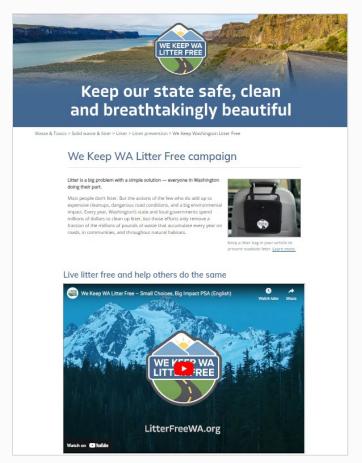
We Keep WA Litter Free

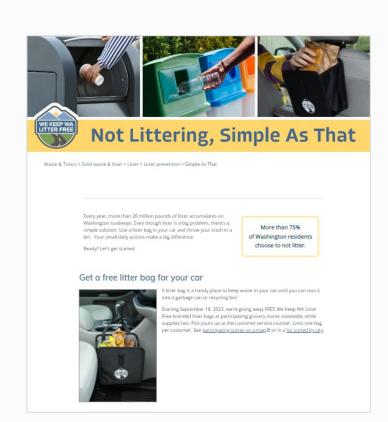














September Campaign Overview

- Media event at Seattle Center 9/7
- Billboards 9/11 10/7
- WSDOT reader boards 9/15 10/1 (Fri Sun)
- Press release 9/18
- Advertising 9/18 10/7
- Litter bag giveaways 9/18 while supplies last



















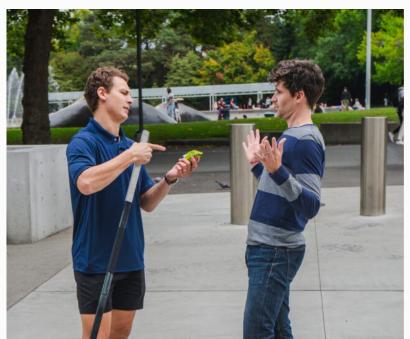




- Social media contest
- Media event
- Photo & video shoot
- Social media posts
- Rights to images for six months















Initial Media Coverage

- 85 Million+ views
- Nearly \$750,000 in ad value
- Broadcast segments ran multiple times



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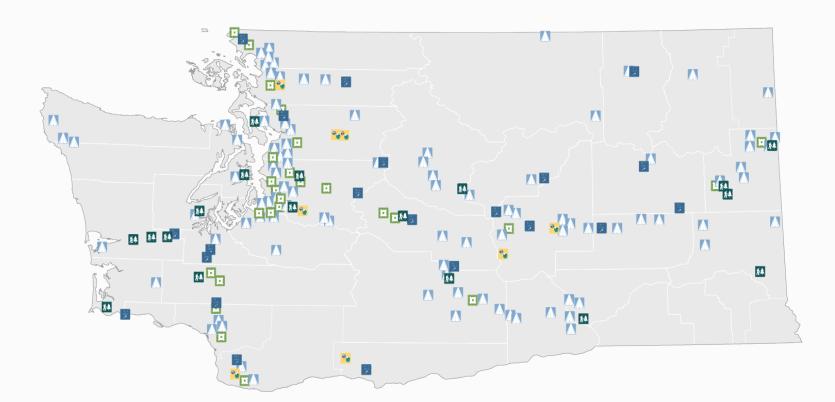
Kraken star teams up with state to combat litter

After more than two decades, the Washington Department of Ecology released a statewide litter study that catalogued and analyzed the debris.





Highlighting Litter Study **Findings**



182 sites sampled



Roadways (Urban and Rural)



26 Interchanges (On- and Off- Ramps)



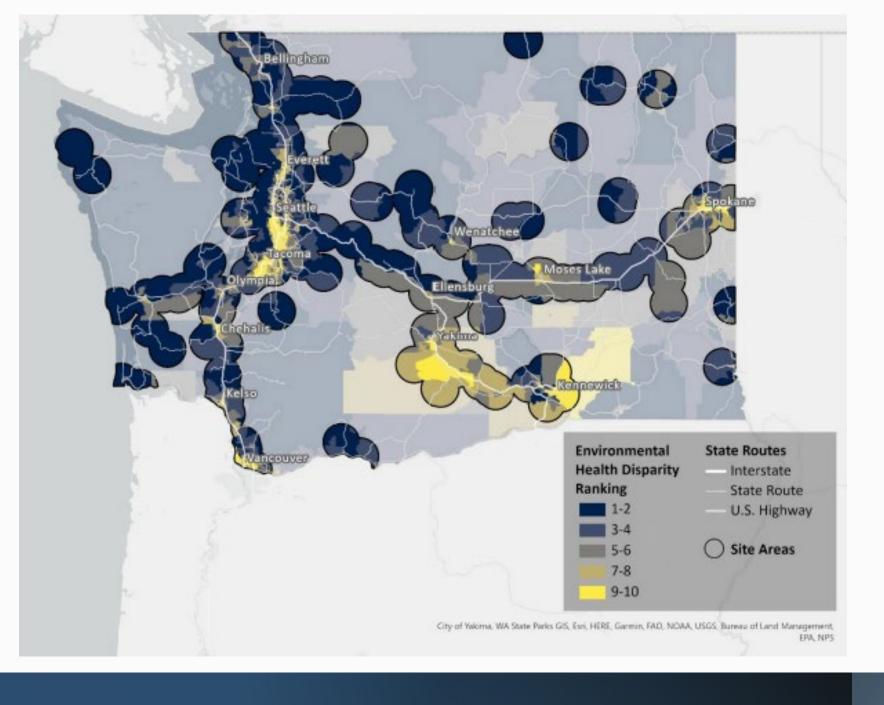
Rest Areas along Highways



DNR and State and County **DFW Parks** Lands

Litter Study Sampling Sites

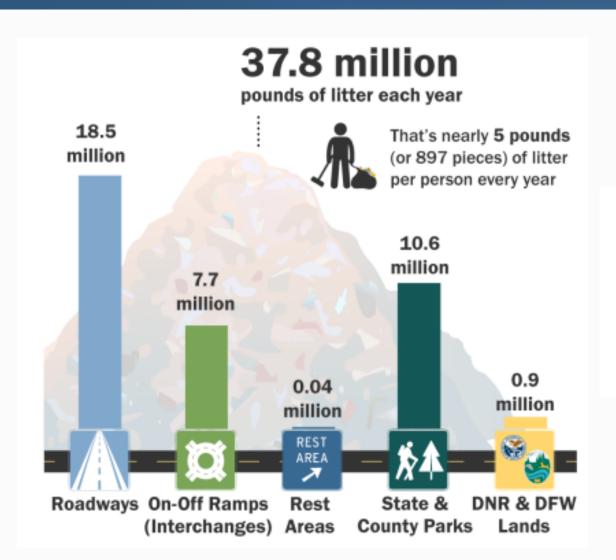
- Randomly selected
- Many from 1999 & 2004 litter studies
- WA Environmental Health Disparities Map to ensure representation across diverse communities



Litter & Environmental Equity

- Statistically significant correlation between EHD rank and pounds of litter for all site types combined.
- Sites with higher EHD ranks showed slightly more pounds of litter than lower ranking sites.

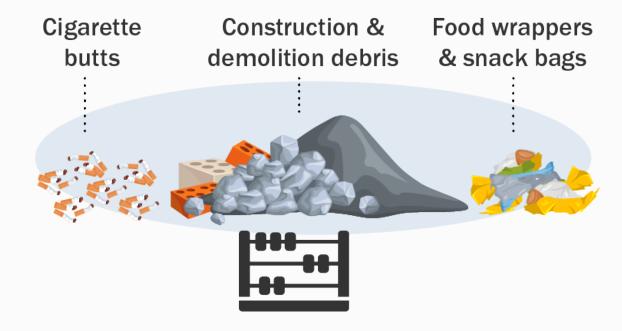
Litter Per Year by Site Type



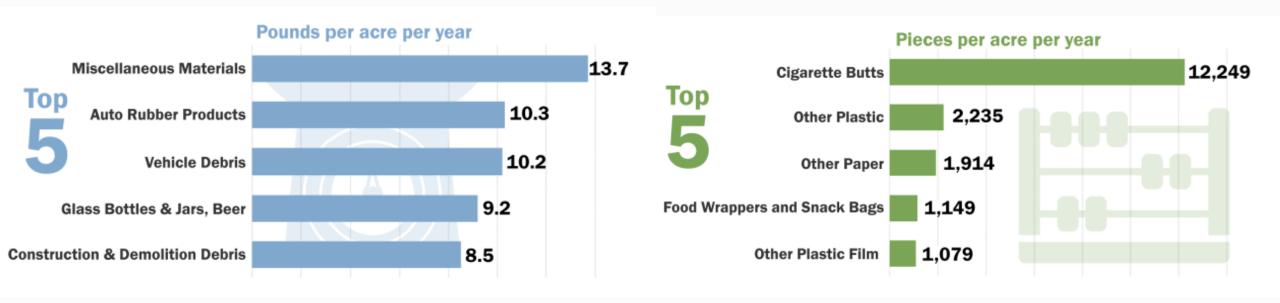
	Site type	Total pounds per year	Total pieces per year	Pounds per acre per year	Pieces per acre per year
A	Roadways	18,496,200	1,858,555,848	126	12,617
	Interchanges	7,695,600	1,630,078,616	713	151,017
#65/1 #66/2	Highway Rest Areas	38,000	17,860,849	165	77,656
蒼隼	State & County Parks	10,618,000	3,404,009,782	127	40,578
8	DNR & DFW Lands	946,000	141,717,935	448	67,101
	TOTAL LITTER	37,793,800	7,052,223,030	155	28,863

Top 3 Most-Littered Items by Weight & Count



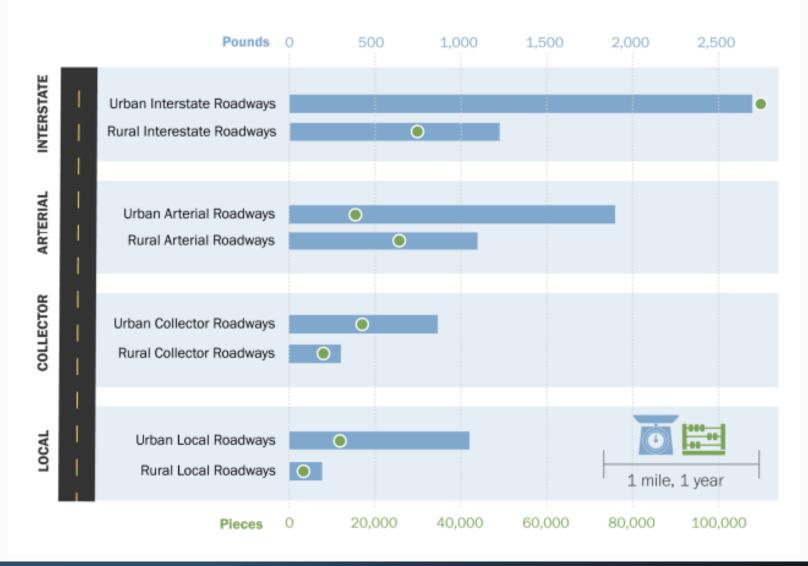


Top 5 Fastest Accumulating by Weight & Count



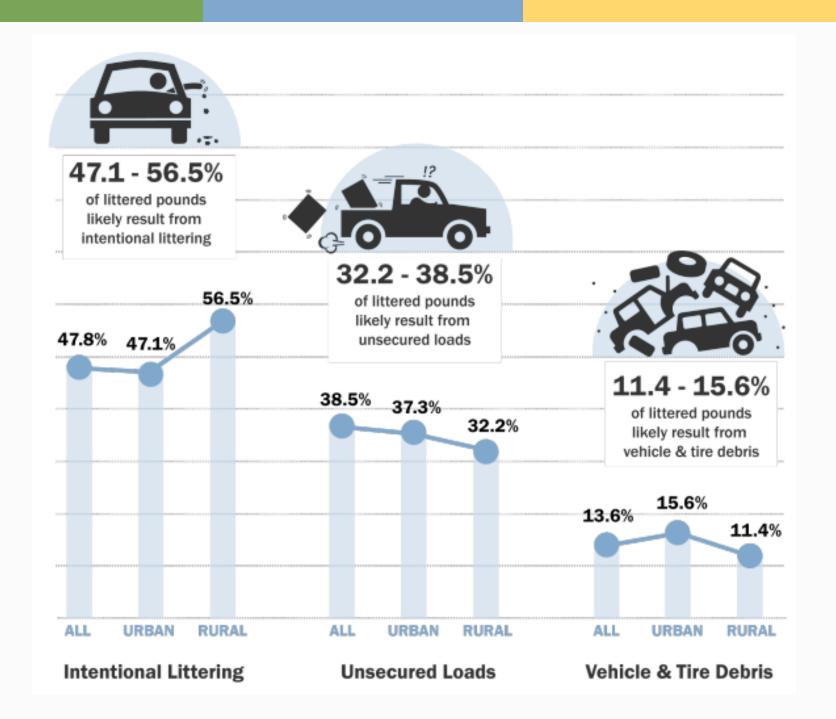
Litter accumulation along roadways

(pounds and pieces per mile per year)



- Urban Interstates get the most. Most difficult and dangerous to clean.
- Urban roads get 2-4 times more litter than rural roads.

Yearly Litter Accumulation by Likely Source

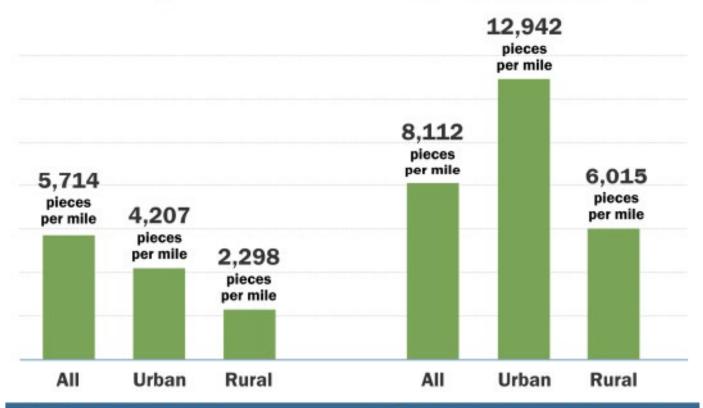


Keep America Beautiful Nationwide Litter Study

23,678,026,500 total littered pieces nationwide

Washington State Litter Study

657,213,661 total littered pieces statewide



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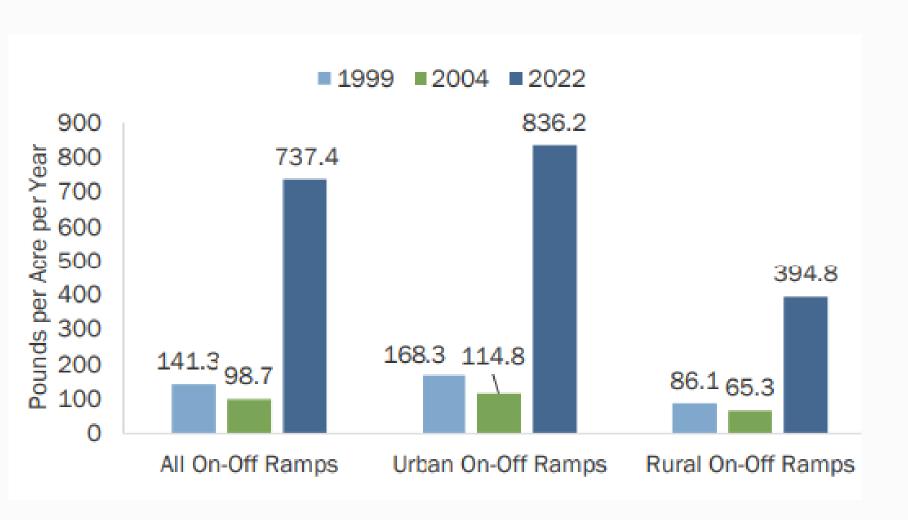
littered items per capita nationwide (population: 325,386,357) ******* 84

littered items per capita in the state of Washington (population: 7,864,400)

Comparison to Nationwide Study

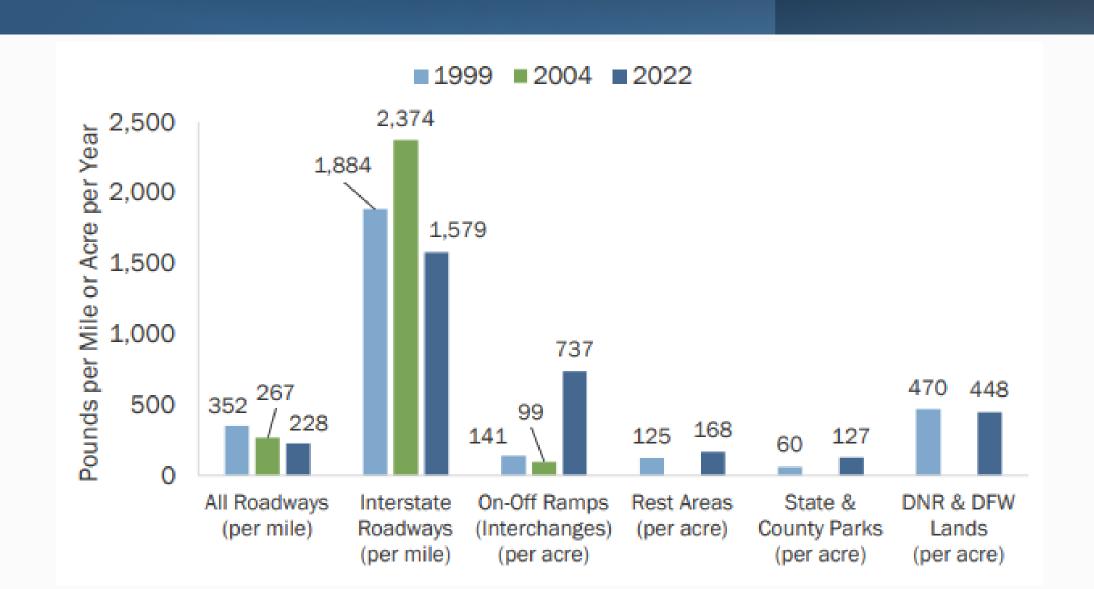
- WA roadways have 42% more pieces of litter per mile than national average.
 - Urban roads 3 times national average.
 - Rural roads over 2.5 times national average.

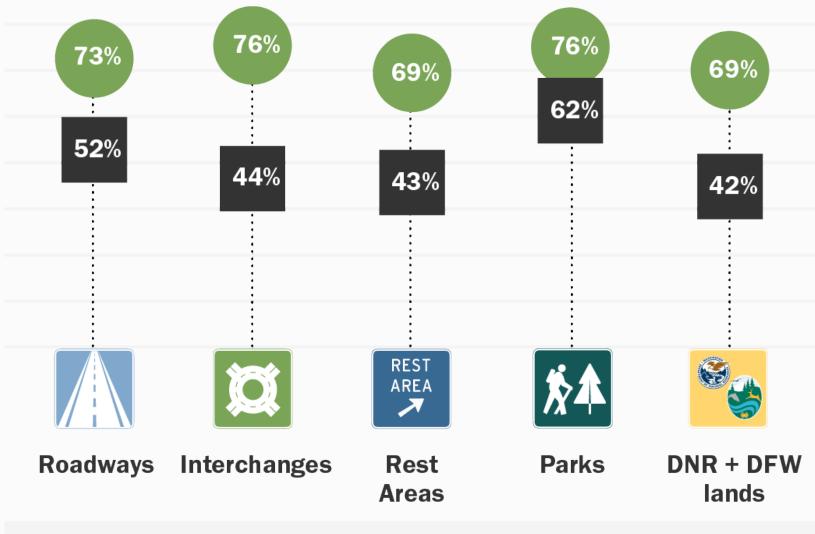
Yearly Accumulation for On-Off Ramps Across Study Years



- On-off Ramps are a trending new hot spot for litter.
- 7 times more litter than in 2004

Yearly Litter Accumulation Across Study Years





WA Litter Tax

- 38-58% of littered pounds are not covered by litter tax.
- Litter tax items are lightweight, many heavy items aren't covered.
- Tax rate of 0.015% and 13 covered categories hasn't changed since 1971.
- Current revenues don't cover cleanup needs.



Percentage of littered pounds that are taxable

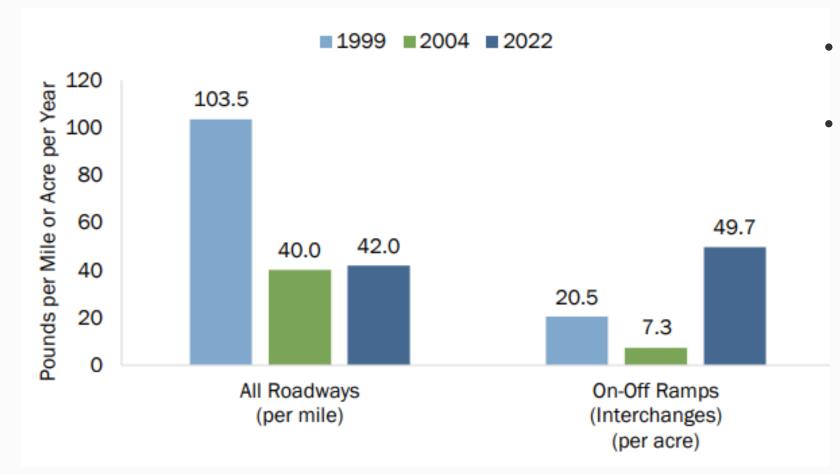


Percentage of littered pieces that are taxable

Yearly Accumulation of Beverage Containers

Material Type	Estimated % of Pounds per Year	Estimated Pounds per Year	Estimated % of Pieces per Year	Estimated Pieces per Year
Paper beverage containers	0.02%	8,145	0.001%	69,656
Plastic beverage containers	1.32%	504,176	0.165%	11,740,363
Glass beverage containers	8.24%	3,134,051	1.458%	104,003,989
Metal beverage containers	3.71%	1,412,924	0.453%	32,349,225
Total beverage containers	13.29%	5,059,296	2.077%	148,163,233

Yearly Accumulation of Beverage Containers



- Previous studies did not measure pieces of litter.
- Possible lightweight bottles increased, especially since heavier glass bottles decreased.

Baseline to Evaluate Impacts of Legislation



Legislation and Effect	Study Material	Estimated % of Pounds per Year	Estimated Pounds per Year	Estimated % of Pieces per Year	Estimated Millions of Pieces per Year
Single-use plastic bags: ban	Grocery, retail, and shopping bags*	0.33%	127,279	0.26%	18.7
Single-use serviceware: restriction	Plastic straws and stirrers	0.07%	28,286	0.12%	8.4
Single-use serviceware: restriction	Plastic utensils	0.03%	10,127	0.02%	1.3
Expanded polystyrene: ban	Foam cups, bowls, and clamshells	0.03%	11,053	0.01%	1.0
Expanded polystyrene	Other foam**	1.0%	363,226	2.7%	191.21

^{*} Included compostable plastic bags, which are not banned.

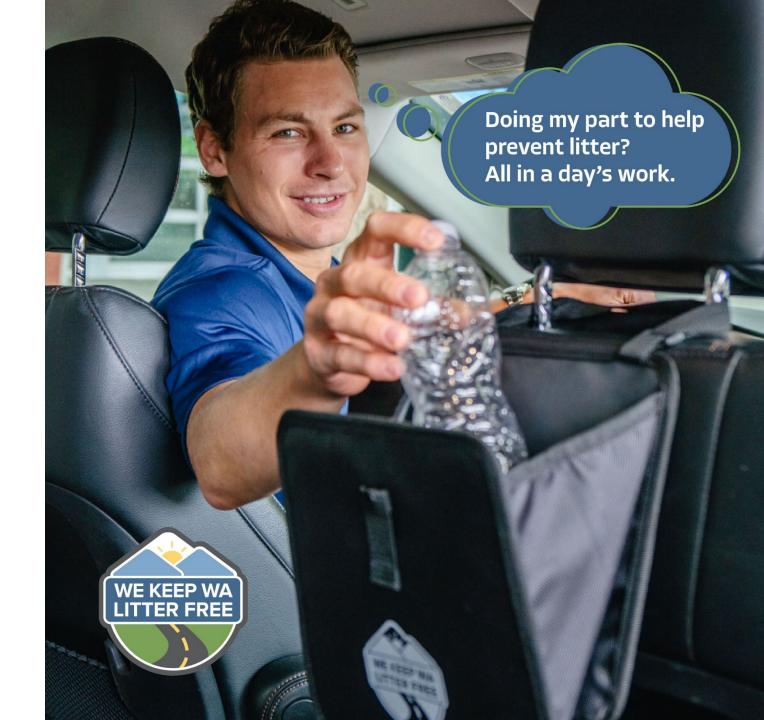
^{**} Includes EPS peanuts and coolers as well as foam materials that are not banned.



Questions?

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

Ecology's Litter Prevention Webpage Litter Study Webpage Opt-in for Ecology Litter News emails



Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Ban



Lauren DiRe, Department of Ecology September 20, 2023



Expanded Polystyrene Ban

- Details of the law
- Impacts
- Resources



Washington Expanded Polystyrene Ban takes effect June 1, 2023 / June 1, 2024

Several types of expanded polystyrene will soon be banned for sale and distribution in Washington State



Packing peanuts, foam coolers, plates, bowls, clam shells, trays, cups, and other food containers



June 1, 2023: Packing Peanuts

Expanded polystyrene packing peanuts are banned.

Does not include:

- block or sheet expanded polystyrene foam
- compostable packing peanuts





June 1, 2024: Food Service Products

Expanded polystyrene food service products such as the following will be banned:

- Portable coolers
- Plates
- Bowls
- Clam shells

- Trays
- Cups
- Prepackaged food containers





Exemptions/Not Covered

- Containers used for drugs, medical devices, or biological materials (21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq.)
- Shipping perishable commodities from a wholesale or retail establishment
- Packaging for raw, uncooked, or butchered meat, fish, poultry, or seafood, vegetables, fruit, or egg cartons
- Block or sheet expanded polystyrene foam





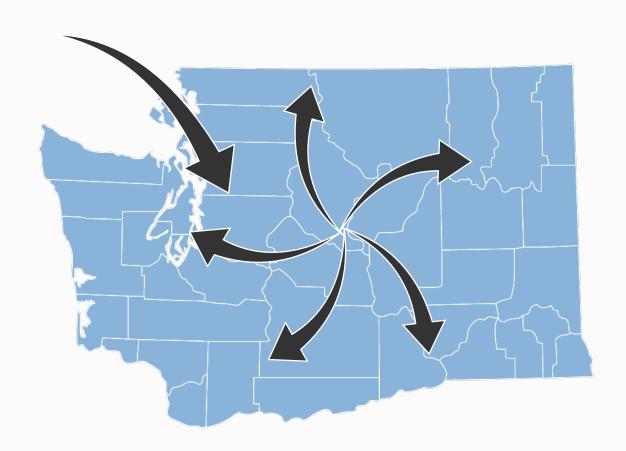








Who Will be Impacted by This Law?



Manufacturers and producers of the covered EPS products will no longer be allowed to distribute or sell these materials within or into Washington State.



Also Impacted...

- Businesses that sell shipping/packaging materials
- Retail establishments (grocers, gas stations, etc)
- Restaurants and food service establishments
- Institutional cafeterias (such as schools)
- Many others

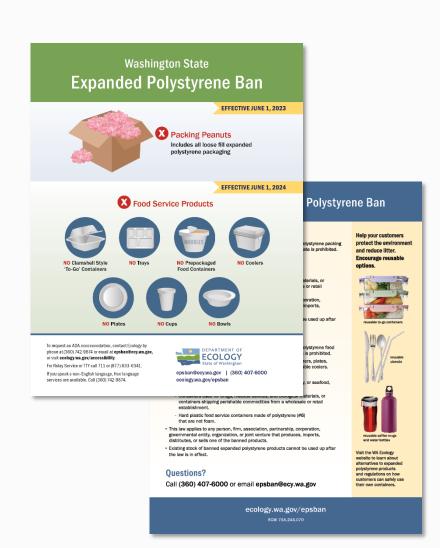






Resources

- ecology.wa.gov/epsban
- Outreach Toolkit
- Reference Guide of Alternatives to Single-Use EPS Food Containers and Packing Peanuts
- Review the Law Language:
 - RCW 70A.245.070



Translations

Complete Language Packages € .zip <u>prəmoʊ (Oromo)</u> & .zip bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian) 2 .zip Español (Spanish) 2 .zip English & .zip Soomaali (Somali) 2 .zip Tagalog **②** .zip <u>Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)</u> ♂.zip русский язык (Russian) С .zip zip. 🗗 (Arabic) اللغة العربية हिंदी (Hindi) 🗷 .zip <u>ไทย (Thai)</u> ๋ .zip <u>ລາວ (Lao) ໕</u> .zip ខ្មែរ (Khmer) 🗷 .zip ትግርኛ (Tigrinya) 🗗 .zip 한국어 (Korean) ⓒ .zip 中文 (Chinese) C .zip 日本語 (Japanese) C .zip

Help Spread Awareness

- Look for violations
 - Email me with business name, address, and description of violation (<u>lauren.dire@ecy.wa.gov</u>)
 - Future: report observations of noncompliance using the EPS Ban Observation Form
- Help us spread awareness
 - Print & share flyers from our websites:
 - Expanded Polystyrene Ban Toolkit
 - Sign up for updates
 - Join our EPS Ban e-mail subscriber list







Resources for Schools

- Waste Not Washington School Awards
 Program
 - Awards up to \$5,000 in funding towards waste reduction, recycling, or composting projects or curricula
 - Employees of K-12 schools or school districts can apply
 - Application deadline: October 31st at 5pm
- Plastic Free Restaurants
 - Nonprofit offers subsidies to transition to reusable cafeteria items







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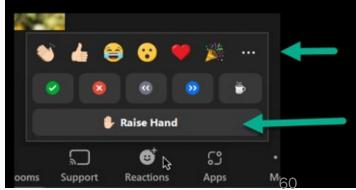


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