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Advisory Committee Member Roundtable

1. Your name, organization, and who you are representing
2. How long have you been on SWAC?
3. What presentations would you like to hear this upcoming year?

- **James Allen**, TVI Inc./Savers/Value Village - Reuse
- **Quinn Apuzzo**, Recology King County - Recycling Industry
- **Esther Beaumier**, (Vice Chair), TPCHD - Westside Health Jurisdictions
- **Jay Blazey**, Cedar Grove - Organics
- **Ray Byrne**, Spokane Regional Health District - Eastside Health
- **John Chelminiak**, Waste Management - Solid Waste Industry
- **Holly Chisa**, NW Grocery Association & Institute of Scrap Metal Rec.
- **Amy Clow**, Department of Agriculture
- **Laurie Davies**, Department of Ecology
- **Jeff Gaisford**, King County Solid Waste Division - Westside Solid Waste
- **Steven Gilmore**, Republic Services - Solid Waste Industry
- **Cat Holm**, Washington Food Industry Assoc. - Food Industry
- **Bryan Hunt**, Northeast Tri-County Health District - Eastside Health
- **Patti Johnson**, Kittitas County Solid Waste - Central Region Public Works
- **Danny Kermode**, Utilities & Transportation Commission
- **Troy Lautenbach**, (Chair), Lautenbach Industries - C&D Recycling
- **Kristine Major**, Spokane Regional Solid Waste - Eastside Cities
- **Erik Makinson**, Resource Synergy - Sustainability
- **Rich McConaghy**, City of Vancouver - Westside Cities
- **Bryan McKinnon**, Kitsap Public Health District - Toxic Reduction
- **Derald Orloff**, Yakima Nation - Tribal Representative
- **Cal Palmer**, Energy and Environment LLC - Solid Waste Consulting
- **Becci Piepel**, SW Programs Douglas County - Eastside Public Works
- **Jay Simmons**, NORPAC - Processor/Commingled Recycling
- **Megan Smothers**, WA State Recycling Association
- **Art Starry**, Thurston County Environmental Health - Westside Health
- **Danny Joe Stensgar**, Colville Confederated Tribes - Tribal Representative
- **Heather Trim**, Zero Waste Washington - Public Interests
- **Eddie Westmoreland**, Waste Connections - Solid Waste Industry
- **Rod Whittaker**, WA Refuse & Recycling Assoc. - Solid Waste Industry
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New Title 70A Environmental Health and Safety

- 2020 Legislation directed that 74 environmental laws be relocated to:
  Title 70A RCW Environmental Health and Safety
- New Title 70A and new chapter numbers.
- Ecology will update the impacted rules to reflect the new statutory references.
- Rules adopted by Ecology under any recodified statute are still valid.
- The Code Reviser’s Office removed expired sections to the dispositions section (link below).

Helpful References

Title 70A RCW Environmental Health and Safety: https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?Cite=70A
Chapter 70A.205 RCW Solid Waste Management – Reduction and Recycling
Title 70 RCW Dispositions Public Health and Safety: https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/dispo.aspx?cite=70
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State of Washington

Contamination Reduction and
Outreach Plan

Washington State Solid Waste Advisory Committee
September 16, 2020
The roots of the CROP

In response to the seismic shocks to the recycling system caused by China Sword, Washington state passed the **Sustainable Recycling Act (HB1543)** in 2019.

- **Market Development** - created the **Recycling Development Center** to strengthen and expand secondary material markets in Washington and the NW region.

- **Cleaning up the stream** – requires Ecology and local governments to develop **Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plans** with the goal of creating consistently clean secondary material feedstocks to produce new products.
What the law says

• Ecology must create a statewide Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) by July 1, 2020.

  The State CROP was released on August 7, 2020 for public comment until August 31, 2020. Publication is expected in October, 2020.

• Counties with a population of over 25,000 – and cities in those counties with independent SW Plans - must include a CROP in their local Solid Waste Management Plan by July 1, 2021.

  Given the delay in releasing the State CROP, adjustments can be made to this deadline if needed.

RCW 70A.205.405 and RCW 70A.205.070
What the law says

• Counties can adopt the state’s CROP in lieu of creating their own plan.

  The State CROP includes a Local CROP template that jurisdictions can incorporate into their Solid Waste Management Plans to meet the requirements of the law.

• Ecology must provide technical assistance and guidance to help local jurisdictions determine the extent of contamination in their regional recycling and to develop CROPs.

  The State CROP includes a variety of tools and resources for local governments to use to develop and implement their own CROPs. It also includes recommendations to work to secure additional funding and resources in the future.

RCW 70A.205.405 and RCW 70A.205.070
27 counties and 4 cities with independent SW Plans are required to prepare their own CROPS*

*includes counties with 25,000 or more people and cities with independent SW Plans within those counties
Washington State
Recycling Contamination Reduction
and Outreach Plan (CROP)

August 2020 Draft
Publication 20-07-021
Some CROP Basics

Who is the State CROP for?
The State CROP was developed to primarily serve as a guide for cities and counties in Washington to partner with other participants in the recycling system to reduce the costs and impacts of contamination on their recycling programs.

What contamination does the State CROP address?
Contamination of the “traditional” recycling stream from:
  • Single-family and multifamily residences
  • Dropbox collection sites
  • Commercial recycling programs
What’s not included in the CROP

• Organics and C&D contamination reduction strategies
• A list of materials to collect or not collect for recycling
• Initiatives to reduce contamination at MRFs and mills
• Market development initiatives
• Initiatives directly addressing plastic waste and pollution
Principles and Assumptions

• Prevention first
• Recycling is a means to an end
• Contamination flows downstream
• Good data is foundational
• Recycling is not free, and the costs shouldn’t be hidden
• Collection and processing are not recycling
• Both quality and quantity are possible
• Regional planning and coordination are key
Explores the roots causes of contamination

• Complacency
• Complexity
• Commingling
• Consumer confusion, doubt, and good intentions
The Harmonization Choir

Growing agreement on a priority set of materials and the need for harmonization of policies and messaging

- **Paper** (including office and notebook paper, newspaper, mail, catalogues, magazines, and cereal or cracker boxes)
- **Cardboard**
- **Plastic Bottles and Jugs** (clear, colored, and natural)
- **Steel and Aluminum Cans**
The Funneling of Curbside Recycling in Washington State

~ 186 Residential Curbside Collection Programs

~ 34 Curbside Collection Service Providers
   24 Private, 10 Public

8 Primary MRFS
   7 Single-Stream
   1 Dual Stream
Washington State Curbside Residential Recycling Material

% Processed by Material Recovery Facility in 2019

- Rabanco Recycling Transfer Station
  - Seattle - 27%
- Smart Center Spokane - 9%
- JMK Fibers Tacoma - 19%
- Waste Management MRFs - 45%
- Cascade Recycling Center Woodinville - 17%
- Pioneer Recycling Tacoma - 12%
- Northwest Recycling Bellingham - 2%
- Waste Connections West Vancouver MRF Vancouver - 10%
- Recology Cleanscapes Seattle - 4%
MRF-shed maps
Statewide Action Plan

*Creating a cleaner stream*

- Promoting alignment and harmonization across recycling programs statewide.
- Encouraging and supporting regional solid waste planning and aligned or joint contracting for services.
- Gathering and sharing more comprehensive data to measure the performance of the recycling system.
- Pursuing legislative, funding, and policy solutions including full funding for the Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance program.
The Local CROP Template

*11 Steps to a Cleaner Stream*

1. Stakeholder engagement
2. Develop an implementation plan and secure or allocate funding and assistance
3. Inventory current recycling collection services and programs
4. Prioritize the recycling program(s) to focus on first
5. Define what data to collect to determine baseline levels of recycling contamination
The Local CROP Template

11 Steps to a Cleaner Stream

6. Gather baseline recycling contamination data
7. Identify key contaminants and their costs and impacts
8. Establish acceptable materials lists
9. Develop and implement contamination reduction education and outreach strategies
10. Explore contamination reduction strategies beyond education and outreach
11. Evaluate the effectiveness of anti-contamination strategies and set next steps
Contamination Reduction BMPs & Resources

Five focus areas for single-family, multifamily, drop box, and commercial recycling programs

- Communications & Outreach
- Operations & Collection
- Incentives & Pricing
- Policies & Mandates
- Measurement & Reporting
Contamination Reduction BMPs & Resources

Recycling Contamination Reduction Resource Library

Recycling Contamination Reduction Resources

We are just beginning to build our library collection. Most of these initial resources are also included - along with many others - in the references and resources section of the State CROP. This library will allow us to keep those resources up-to-date and expand our collection over time. Some of the most valuable resources in the library are the local program examples that our community and government partners have shared with us. If there are other resources you’d like added to the library, send a note to the CROP librarian, Peter Guitteny at peter.guitteny@ecy.wa.gov.

Welcome to Ecology’s Recycling Contamination Reduction Resource Library

On this site, you’ll find a plethora of resources to learn more about recycling contamination, its impacts on the recycling system, and tools and strategies you can use to clean up the recycling stream in your community. The site is regularly updated, so please check in now and again to see what’s new. If you have any questions about the site or have suggestions on new resources to add to the library, send Peter Guitteny an email at peter.guitteny@ecy.wa.gov.

Who provided comments

• Counties
• Cities
• Solid waste consultants
• WA State Association of Counties Solid Waste Managers Affiliate
• WA Refuse and Recycling Association
• Zero Waste Washington
• Carton Council
What we heard

The stuff folks liked...

• The basics
  • Background and context
  • Root causes
  • Cleaning the stream - emphasis on harmonization and regionalization

• Robust resources and references
  • Useful and easy-to-understand graphics
  • MRF-shed maps
  • Best Management Practices section
  • Contamination Reduction Resource Library

“Loved this CROP,” “Overall, think the CROP is great” “Easy read” “Resource page really helpful” “Appreciate thorough background and informative graphics” “The BMPs and resources sections are each very helpful” “Amusing puns!”
What we heard

Some suggestions for improvement we’re making based on what we heard

• Adding more information on assessing recycling’s environmental benefits and costs
  • Including additional content on Life Cycle Analysis, WARM model, and other related resources to the State CROP and the Resource Library

• Adding lots of new ideas and enhancements to the BMPs including:
  • More information on dual-stream options
  • Use of color-coded bags in MF complexes
  • Sorting guides for recyclables and additional composition studies
  • Additional ideas for work and school-based outreach programs

• Making clarification and corrections related to topics like:
  • County authority to contract for residential hauling
  • Use of lid-lift audits and visual assessment methods to measure contamination
What we heard

Some concerns and confusion about the Local CROP template

- Exceeds the RCW’s minimum requirements for local CROPs
- Helpful guide and framework with lots of good ideas, but too costly and ambitious for local government to implement

**To address these we’re revising the Local CROP section to:**

- Provide clear direction on how to meet the minimum requirements for what needs to be included in local CROPs
- More clearly defining the purpose of the Local CROP template and how local governments can use it to prepare their CROPs.
Next Steps

• State CROP published – *Final draft expected to be complete in September – publication in October*

• Ongoing enhancement to BMPs and CROP Resource Library.

• Ongoing assistance to local governments by Ecology Planners and Recycling Coordinators to develop and implement local CROPs.
Get in touch...

Peter Guttchen
Statewide Lead Planner
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Stay informed...

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Plastics Study

Chapter 70.380 RCW
Chapter 70A.520

Alli Kingfisher
Scope of Work

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Task 2: Assess business use of recycled content in WA.

Task 3: Research global policy & technology options for managing packaging.

Task 4: Conduct stakeholder consultation.

Task 5: Develop recommendations to meet 2025 plastic reduction goals.
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**Opportunities for stakeholder review & input**
- EZView for study updates & task-level reports
- Study listserv & email inbox
- Study voicemail
- Task 3 report survey 5/20 – 6/15
- Public comment thru 9/4
- Comment on draft recs 8/17-8/26

**Draft recs due 8/14**
**Final recs due 9/14**
Task 5: Recommendations for Managing Plastic Packaging Waste in Washington

Develop recommendations to meet 2025 plastic reduction goals

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Task 5: Recommendations for Managing Plastic Packaging Waste in Washington

Primary Recommendations

2. Deposit Return System for Beverage Containers.
3. Recycled Content Requirements for Plastic Packaging.
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Interim Recommendations

4. Producer Registry and Packaging Reporting.
5. Recycled Content Requirements for Plastic Beverage Containers.
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Complimentary Recommendations

6. Recycled Content Requirements for Trash Bags.
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Recommendations for Agency Action

10. Support Development and Adoption of Reusable Packaging Systems.
Stakeholder Comments

Feedback on recommendations was received Wednesday, August 26 and additional public comments through the public comment page through September 4.

• 41 Comments on draft recommendations.
• 12 Comments on other aspects.
• Other emailed comments.
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Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting
Sept. 16, 2020 | 9:30 am – Noon (Pacific time)

9:30 am   Call to Order & Introductions
9:35 am   Advisory Committee Member Roundtable
10:20 am  Nominations & Election of the Chair & Vice Chair
10:35 am  Legislative & Budget Update
10:50 am  Recycling Contamination Reduction & Outreach Plan (CROP) Update
11:05 am  Plastics Study Update
11:25 am  Bag Ban Update
11:45 am  Public Comments
12:00 pm  Adjourn
Bag Ban Implementation Timeline

Join the LISTSERV today for updates!

**Stakeholder Collaboration**
- Gather resources from existing bag ban ordinances
- Compile list of “gateway” stakeholders
- Set up web resources (LISTSERV, Ecology Web page, Easy View page)
- Collaborate with Ecology communications team

**Systems Planning**
- Develop enforcement plan
- Set up complaint hotline
- Establish social media plan and content

**Bag Ban Begins**
- Prohibition of single-use plastic carry-out bags
- 8 cent pass-through charge on recycled content paper carryout bags/reusable carryout bags made of film plastics
- Retail-provided bag must contain recycled content
- Encourage provision of reusable and recycled content carryout bags by retail
- Violations subject to $200 fine per day
- Retailers may use up existing inventory until April 1, 2021

May - June 2020

June - July 2020

July - August 2020

Autumn 2020

January 1, 2021

2021 and Beyond

**Develop Outreach**
- Establish communications plan
- Draft flyers/graphic design
- Develop employee training materials
- Develop FAQs for shoppers and retailers
- Share materials with stakeholders for input
- Translate materials to Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Amharic, Arabic, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Lao, Oromo, Russian, Somali, Tagalog, Thai, Tigrinya

**Material Distribution & Gear Up**
- August: Develop online complaint form
- September: Populate web page with developed content
- October - December: Establish enforcement protocols & draft letter of correction
- October - Distribute materials to associations to share with members
- October - Launch complaint hotline
- November - Begin social media roll-out

**Monitoring and Assessment**
- Ongoing education and outreach
- Ongoing social media campaign
- December 1, 2024: Department of Commerce/Ecology submit report to legislature re: reusable bag thickness, pass-through charges, and other revisions.
- 1/1/2026: Pass-through charge increases to 12 cents for reusable bags made of film plastic and 8 cents for recycled content paper carry-out bags
Statute

Senate Bill 5323

Targets:
• Reduce plastic pollution, litter, and waste.
• Reduce contamination in commingled recycling.
• Promote re-use.
• Create consistent policy and enforcement statewide.

Aspects:
• Prohibits single-use plastic carryout bags.
• Requires 8 cent charge for all retail-provided bags.
• Requires 40% post-consumer recycled content in large paper bags.
• Requires 20% post-consumer content in 2.25 mil plastic bags.
• Applies to restaurants, farmers markets, retail stores, grocers, convenience stores, etc.
Not Included in the Ban

- Bags used in-store for bulk items.
- Green or brown compostable bags used in store*.
- Newspaper/dry-cleaning/door-hanger bags.
- Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags (garbage, pet waste).
- Bags used to wrap items for sanitation or safety purposes.

Bags ALLOWED with no fee

- Durable Reusable Bags
- Small Paper Bags
- Produce, Meat, Bulk Foods, Bakery Goods, etc.
- Flowers, Drycleaning, Newspaper bags, etc.
Other important notes:

• Stores may provide smaller paper bags with or without the 8 cent fee.
• Businesses may not charge the fee to customers using or showing a voucher or benefits card for SNAP, WIC, TANF, FAP.
• Food banks are exempt.
Preemption of Local Ordinances

- State ban preempts local ordinances (Section 6(1)).
- UNLESS:
  - Local ordinance has a pass-through charge of 10 cents.
  - 10 cent charge ordinances can remain in effect until January 2026 (Section 6 (2)).

- Burien
- Lake Forest Park
- Snohomish
- Bingen
- White Salmon
Education & Outreach

Ecology's Strategy

• Adapt outreach materials from existing ordinances (fliers, posters, POS cards).
• Collaborate with local governments, retail establishments, associations, and organizations.
• Incorporate stakeholder feedback into outreach materials and make toolkit available.
• Attach flier to letter from Department of Revenue.
• Ecology will begin reaching out to businesses individually through the NAICS database.

Retailer Expectations:

• Provide feedback to relevant associations regarding developed materials.
• Educate staff to promote reusable bags.
• Post signs encouraging customers to use reusable bags.
Education & Outreach

Local Government Expectations

• Collaborate with Ecology on complaint response for repeat offenders.
• Assist in outreach and distribution of outreach materials.
• Promote reusable bags as part of your local solid waste messaging.
• Direct public to Ecology’s website for questions.
Enforcement

Statute:
- Complaint based (with Ecology or local government).
- Local governments can follow up with education and outreach.
- Violation= Civil penalty up to $250.
  - Each calendar day of violation is a new violation.
  - Appealable to pollution control board under RCW 43.21B.

Ecology's Strategy
- Needs further development.
- Complaint via established forum.
  - Complaints deposited into resource mailbox.
    - Notice of Violation/Warning Letter from Ecology.
      - Repeat Offense.
        - Up to $250 fine and required proof of compliance.
COVID-19 Impacts

On Schedule

- At this time, no discussion of ban suspension.
- Bans have been suspended in: California, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Colorado, Washington D.C., New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, and some WA ordinances.
- Many have only delayed for several months or will begin implementation in January 2021.

Concerns

- Perception of safety issues with re-usable bags.
- Promote sanitizing hands and bags.
**NO**
Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags

**8c fee**
Large Paper Carryout Bags
Made with 40% recycled content

**8c fee**
Thick Reusable Plastic Carryout Bags
Made with 20% recycled content and a minimum of 2.25 mil thick film

**Fee optional**
Green or Brown Compostable Bags
Any green or brown tinted film bags must be compostable

**FREE!**
Durable Reusable Bags
Don’t forget your bags, and please keep them clean.

For more information and details please visit [Ecology.wa.gov/Bag-Ban](http://Ecology.wa.gov/Bag-Ban)
Washington State Bag Requirements

For Restaurants and other Food Service Businesses

Restaurant and Food Service Business Notes:
- Restaurants may not provide customers with single-use plastic carryout bags.
- The bag ban applies to all restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, prepared food, farmers markets, food trucks, vendor food vendors, food courts, temporary restaurants, and home delivery of prepared food. Food banks are exempt.
- If you have questions about what or your business must comply with this ban, please contact bagban@ecy.wa.gov.
- Restaurants must charge a minimum fee of 8 cents for large paper bags, 1/8 barrel paper bags (82 cubic inches or larger), and reusable plastic bags (2.25 mil or thicker).
- The large paper bags for which customers are charged must contain at least 40% postconsumer recycled content with the bag’s postconsumer recycled content printed on the outside of the bag.
- The reusable plastic film bags for which customers are charged must contain at least 20% postconsumer recycled content with the minimum percentage of postconsumer recycled content, the mil thickness, and the word “reusable” printed on the outside of the bag.
- Restaurants may provide smaller paper bags. Fee is optional.
- Restaurants must provide a small film bag to customers at no cost when placing into allowed carryout bags.
- A bag fee is a taxable retail sale and must be shown on a receipt provided to the customer. Restaurants must keep all revenue from bag fees.
- Restaurants must provide certified compostable carryout film bags. Fee is optional.
- Any green or brown tinted film bags must be compostable.
- Restaurants may not provide customers with bags with misleading labels such as “biodegradable,” “degradable,” “compostable” or similar.
- Individuals may report businesses that are not in compliance with the ban using an online form provided by the Department of Ecology.
- Businesses may not charge the bag fee to customers using a voucher or benefits card (SNAP, WIC, TANF, TAFP).

Questions?
baginfo@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6000

EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2021

Visit the WA Ecology website to view, customize, and print educational BYOB items today.

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Washington State
Bag Requirements
For Retailers, Grocers, Restaurants, and other Businesses

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Grocery and Retail Notes
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- Stores may not provide customers with bags made from materials such as biodegradable, “degradable,” “durable,” or similar.
- Stores may provide customers with in-store plastic or compostable bags.
- Bags allowed for use by customers in stores include those used for bulk items, produce, meat, or other items such as hampers, frozen foods, flowers, plants, unwrapped prepared foods, bakery goods, and prescription drugs.
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Help your customers protect the environment and reduce plastic litter.

BYOB
Bring Your Own Bag.

Visit the WA Ecology website to view, customize, and print educational BYOB items today:
ecology.wa.gov/bag-ban

Eco-friendly bags allow you to reduce plastic waste and protect the environment.

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Help protect the environment and reduce plastic litter, use reusable bags.

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NO SINGLE USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS
RECYCLABLE PAPER BAG, BY FEE
REUSABLE THICK PLASTIC FILM BAG, BY FEE
COMPOSTABLE BAGS ALLOWED, FEE OPTIONAL
PRODUCE, BULK FOOD, MEAT BAGS ALLOWED
KEEP REUSABLE BAGS CLEAN
DON’T FORGET YOUR BAG!

WASHINGTON PLASTIC BAG BAN EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2021

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

For information, reporting, and complete listing of law’s requirements please visit Ecology.wa.gov/Bags-Ban
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If you would like to provide comment, please write your name in the chat and we will add you to the list.

We will unmute you to speak in the order that we see names in the chat.

You may also write your comment in the chat and we will read it for you.

Please keep your comment to under 2 minutes.
Next meeting:
November 18, 2020
9:30 am

Send questions or future agenda topics: 
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