# Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership

A brief overview of the Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership run by Ecology's Hazardous Waste & Toxic Reduction Program.







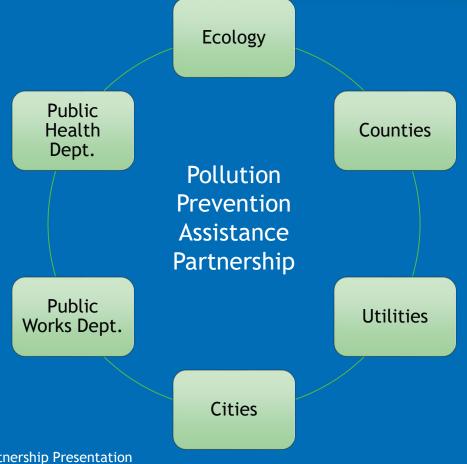
### What is the Partnership?

- A program administered by Ecology to provide free, hands-on technical assistance to Small Quantity Generators (SQG). (Non-regulatory & Voluntary Visits)
- Contracts between Ecology and (Currently 27) public local agencies / municipalities make up the partnership.
- We focus on Dangerous Waste Regulations & Best Management Practices as well as Stormwater Management Regulation & Best Management Practices.





## Who's in the Partnership







- Bellingham, City of
- Bothell, City of
- Chelan Douglas Health District
- Clark County Public Works
- Clark County Public Health
- College Place, City of
- Ecology HWTR Program
- Island County Public Health
- Issaquah, City of
- Jefferson County Public Health
- King County Water & Land Resources
- Kirkland, City of
- Kitsap Public Health District
- · Lakewood, City of

- Port Angeles, City of
- Puyallup, City of
- Redmond, City of
- Renton, City of
- Seattle Public Utilities
- Shoreline, City of
- Skagit County Department of Public Health
- Snohomish Health District
- Spokane Regional Health District
- Sumner, City of
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Thurston County Public Health
- Vancouver, City of
- Whatcom County Health Department





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### Contracts

- Ecology contracts with local governments/municipalities to provide Hazardous Waste and Stormwater Technical Assistance
  - Interagency agreements, contracts, not grants
- Contract Amounts: \$50,000 to \$600,000
  - Scaled based on partner capacity and number of businesses within jurisdiction
  - Average 295 visits per 2 years (range 75-700 visits)
- 2 Year Biennial Contracts (July 1, 2023 June 30, 2025)
- Costs of conducting work reimbursed on quarterly basis







### Who does the partnership help?

#### Mission Statement

We protect Washington's residents and environment by helping small businesses reduce toxic chemical use, safely manage dangerous waste, and keep stormwater free of pollutants.

### Small Quantity Generators (SQG) Only

SQG's produce less than 220 pounds of dangerous waste per month.

SQG's produce less than 2.2 pounds of extremely hazardous waste per month







### Common Business Sectors Visited

- Auto related (repair, painting, etc.)
- Health Care, Dental Practices
- Property Management (Apartment complexes, care facilities, shopping centers)
- Food Establishments (restaurants, mobile)

- Gas Stations
- Retail Stores (Home Depot, Lowes)
- Landscape / Yard Care







### Most Common Issues Found

- No or Inadequate Spill Response Procedures.
- No or Inadequate Spill Response Materials.
- Employees Need Proper Training
- Other Dangerous Waste Issues.
- Need to Implement Proper Housekeeping.







### Incentives

Provide Spill Kits to Business who develop a spill prevention plan.

- About 28% of all issues have to do with an inadequate spill response plan, or not having the materials needed to respond to a spill.
- Spill kits can be purchased with funds from contracts and then distributed to local businesses.

#### Small Change Voucher.

• Flexible reimbursement voucher for up to \$500 to spend on pollution prevention or other related issue.









### NPDES & PPA Overlap

- Quite a bit of overlap between the two programs, but not a total overlap.
- PPA funding can be used to do Local Source Control work, up until enforcement is needed. **Enforcement is not part of PPA work.**
- Our PPA visits are usually concerned with more items than an LSC visit, depending on jurisdiction, and often those visits can be "counted" as an LSC visit and a PPA visit.





## City of Vancouver - PPA accomplishments

- Spill kits provided to 27 businesses
- Secondary containment provided to 10 businesses
- Assisted Ecology with site visits and technical assistance on the Product Replacement Program
- Helped 1 dry cleaner and 4 automotive shops convert to safer alternatives







## City of Vancouver - PPA accomplishments

- Partnered with Clark County and Washington State University to host Safe Pest Control Workshops
- Wash Right Campaign developed targeted outreach to help businesses protect stormwater when pressure washing exterior buildings, sidewalks, and outdoor seating areas Handed out guidance material to over 700 businesses
- 80 pollution prevention site visits







## Product Replacement























Pollution Prevention Assistance Potential Partner Presentation

## Spill Prevention & good housekeeping































## Program challenges

- Grant funding and partnership started Spring of 2020
- Business interest in the voluntary program was very limited at the start
- Set aside funds for 3<sup>rd</sup> party engineering support





## New challenges/opportunities



















### Future vision

- Grant funding was essential to helping the City of Vancouver join and work with the PPA partnership.
- Helped the city gain access to training and collaborate with other agencies
- The program aligns well with source control requirements and businesses often need assistance with spill prevention and Dangerous waste handling
- The city has applied for continued funding to continue PPA work





