

Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

meeting agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

This advisory committee meeting will review draft Chapter 5 Organics of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Agenda

1. Call to order and Zoom meeting instructions
 - Presented by advisory committee chair or vice chair
2. Approval of agenda and prior meeting minutes
 - Presented by advisory committee chair or vice chair
3. Public comment (3-minute limit per person)
 - Public attendees are welcome to comment at this time.
4. Capital projects update
 - Presented by Kevin Bevelhimer, Kitsap County Solid Waste Division
5. Review of Chapter 5 Organics
 - Presented by Caitlin Newman, Kitsap County Solid Waste Division
6. Advisory committee member updates and round table discussion
 - Presented by advisory committee members
7. Adjourn
 - Presented by advisory committee chair or vice chair



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meeting minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

- Laura Ryser, City of Bainbridge Island
- Melinda Monroe, City of Bremerton
- Stephanie Bailey, City of Port Orchard
- Shannon Wood, City of Poulsbo
- Josh Carter, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Krisha Begalla, Central Kitsap District 3
- Lori Cloutier, North Kitsap District 1
- Eric Lenius, South Kitsap District 2
- Bob Gilby, Organics
- Bill Rich, Commercial
- Paisley Gallagher, Agriculture
- Heather Church, Industry - Bainbridge Disposal

The following non-voting members were present:

- Audrey Taber, Ecology
- Barbara Bricker, Kitsap County Solid Waste, Administrative Assistant
- Rachael Janda, Kitsap County Solid Waste, Administrative Assistant
- Kevin Bevelhimer, Kitsap County Solid Waste, Solid Waste Division Manager
- Caitlin Newman, Kitsap County Solid Waste, Litter and Waste Reduction Program Supervisor

The following guests and members of the public were present:

- Diane Landry
- Jay Blazey, Cedar Grove Compost
- India Brine, Washington Association of Refuse & Recycling

Absent

The following voting members were absent from this meeting:

- Shane Crowell, Suquamish Tribe



- Charles Larson, NAVFAC NW
- Brian Llyod, Industry – Waste Management

The following non-voting members were absent:

- Steve Brown, Kitsap Public Health District

Approval of agenda and minutes

Agenda approved as presented.

January 7, 2026, meeting minutes approved as presented.

Public comment

Jay Blazey from Cedar Grove commented that their facility has the capacity to accommodate organics collected and would like to be included in the organics section of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Jay also commented that they are concerned about the inclusion of packaged food in the clean organic stream that is part of the designated recyclables list. If it is on the list, it could be confusing to customers. Jay will also send a written comment.

Presentations

Kevin Bevelhimer gave Capital Projects update:

The Silverdale Recycle and Garbage Facility Redevelopment project is underway. The project was awarded to Neeley Construction.

The new North Kitsap Household Hazardous Waste Facility is nearing completion and will open this summer.

Caitlin Newman presented Chapter 5 Organics of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

The committee extensively reviewed and discussed Chapter 5 Organics, advocating for simpler language focused on state requirements rather than environmental justifications.

Round table discussion

Caitlin Newman – The Styrofoam collection is cancelled as there is no local contractor.

There is a Fix it Fair at the Crosby Community Center in Seabeck, March 14. Scrap metal and cooking oil collections are back at all facilities. April 8 is the 30th Anniversary and Open



House of the South Kitsap Household Hazardous Waste Facility from 10:00-12:00. Earth Day award nominations are closing and will be presented at the April Board of Commissioners meeting. Kitsap County was awarded a grant for litter clean up of highway ramps. There will be a clean-up in April of Hwy. 3 between Bremerton and Gorst.

Adjournment and next meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2026.

