

Water is a Resource Not a waste stream

Storm and surface water runoff is the leading transporter of pollution into Puget Sound and local wetlands, creeks, streams and rivers. The majority of pollution comes from residential land use and the public infrastructure that supports those uses. Kitsap County has developed a series of guiding principles to limit our contribution to pollution and preserve water as a resource rather than treating it a waste stream.



Kitsap County pledges to:

- Preserve natural hydrology by preventing the creation of stormwater runoff and ensuring that runoff is free of pollutants.
- Conserve groundwater resources through infiltration, conservation and pursuing alternative sources for non-drinking water.
- Reduce pollutant loading of ground and surface waters by reducing surface flow volumes and incorporating non-polluting products or processes wherever possible.
- Use land for multiple purposes by maintaining forests and open space, integrating stormwater management features into the landscape, and encouraging practices that can be used for purposes beyond just stormwater management.
- Refine management to reflect latest technology and innovations by searching for scientific research and market advances, and integrating findings into operations and regulations.
- Educate employees, customers, citizens and contractors on how their actions can impact water quality.
- Provide incentives to promote actions that support these principles.

