

SWAC Volunteer for the King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

King County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) provides input on solid waste management issues and policies that affect county residents and the services they receive.

The SWAC committee is balanced geographically and has up to 20 members including representatives from public interest groups, labor, the waste management industry, manufacturers, communities, recycling and marketing interests, and local elected officials.

SWAC members are appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council. They serve 3-year terms and volunteer without compensation.

By participating on SWAC you will:

- Serve in an advisory capacity to county leaders, including staff and elected officials
- Assist the county in the decision-making around recycling, compost, garbage, and waste prevention programs and policies
- Review and comment on proposed plans, rules, policies, and ordinances before their adoption
- Be an active stakeholder in long-range solid waste planning efforts
- Represent community and organizational interests in making recommendations
- Work collaboratively with other members who may have differing viewpoints

Who can serve on SWAC?

SWAC members contribute expertise with varied professional and life experiences. We are seeking members who:

- Live in King County (outside of the cities of Seattle and Milton) and use solid waste services, such as curbside collection of garbage and recyclables or transfer stations
- Have an interest in solid waste and recycling issues and in serving their community
- Can regularly attend and participate in monthly meetings
- Will prepare for and participate in SWAC's discussions and deliberations
- Have the ability to work collaboratively with other members
- Are willing to commit to a three-year term

About the King County Solid Waste Division

The Solid Waste Division is responsible for the public solid waste system serving most cities within King County and unincorporated areas. Our vision is to achieve zero waste of resources and enhance the environment through collaboration and innovation.

Time commitment

SWAC convenes on the second Friday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Meetings are hybrid, held online and at King Street Center in downtown Seattle. Members should plan to commit 2-4 hours a month on SWAC business, including attending meetings, reading materials, and preparing for discussions.

To apply for SWAC

Please download and fill out an Application and Financial Disclosure Form from the [Solid Waste Division's website](#). Forms should be submitted to Ali Blum, the Solid Waste Division's SWAC Staff Liaison at ablum@kingcounty.gov.

King County seeks to create an inclusive and accessible environment for individuals who wish to serve on King County boards and commissions and strives to ensure that King County boards and commissions are reflective of the communities we serve.



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