

R-2 Storage of Solid and Food Wastes AKA Garbage

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required by King County Code 9.12. If the BMPs included here are not enough to prevent contamination of stormwater, you will be required to take additional measures.

Leaking garbage cans, waste containers without lids, scrap piles, and junk vehicles and equipment can cause polluted runoff from your property to drain to surface and groundwater. Accumulated garbage can attract rodents, rats, mosquitoes, and other pests that are also health hazards.

Required BMPs:

- Keep garbage, recyclables, and food wastes in covered or lidded containers.
- Dispose of waste, using a curbside pick-up service or take it to a solid waste transfer station.
- Do not let garbage accumulate.

Tips:

- Recycle as much as possible.
- The King County Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX) at 206-296-4899 or imex@kingcounty.gov. govlink.org/hazwaste/business/imex.
- King County Online Materials Exchange: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/exchange/>.
- King County Solid Waste Division waste disposal information: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/index.asp>.
- Household hazardous waste disposal: www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house, or contact the Hazards Line at 206-296-4692. See Activity Sheet R-4, "Residential Hazardous Waste Use, Storage, and Disposal."
- Composting yard and kitchen waste: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/composting/index.asp>.
- Yard waste collection: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/yardwaste.asp>.
- Dispose of pet waste in your garbage; bury it in your yard (not in vegetable gardens); or, dispose of in sanitary sewer systems. See <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/composting/petwaste.asp>

For more information or assistance contact the King County Stormwater Services at 206-477-4811 and visit kingcounty.gov/stormwater.