

Local Source Control Program

Despite its size, Puget Sound is ecologically delicate. Although its symptoms of trouble may not be easily visible, they are undeniable and getting worse. One of Whatcom County's greatest assets is its numerous waterways that offer recreation, wildlife habitat, and clean drinking water. Whatcom County Health Department has recently joined the Puget Sound Partnership in an effort to restore and protect Puget Sound. Through a grant funded by the Department of Ecology, local specialists are helping small businesses with hazardous materials management and stormwater protection.

"Source control" is the process identifying pollution sources, and preventing them from entering the environment. Whatcom County Health Department is working with local businesses, municipalities, and institutions to control and prevent toxic pollution sources from entering our local waterways. At the local level, we can address the needs of small businesses that want to do the right thing by providing non-regulatory, on-site technical assistance and education. During local source control site visits we can provide assistance on the following components of a business:

- Solid & hazardous waste handling & disposal.
- Wastewater processing & discharge.
- High risk pollution generating activities.
- Outdoor practices, storage, & maintenance.
- Spill prevention.
- Environmental regulations.

Related Links

Puget Sound Partnership

<http://www.psp.wa.gov/>

Department of Ecology

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/isp/index.html>

Lake Whatcom Management Program

<http://www.lakewhatcom.whatcomcounty.org/>

Bellingham / Whatcom Chamber of Commerce

http://www.bellingham.com/content/hot_topics/local_source_co.asp

City of Bellingham Local Source Control Program

<http://www.cob.org/services/environment/local-source-control-program/index.aspx>

EnviroStars

www.envirostars.org

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