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## NWPSC Community Update

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#### **“PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP: A BETTER WAY” POWERPOINT VIDEO DEBUTS**

The new narrated NWPSC PowerPoint video – **"Product Stewardship: A Better Way"** is now available for viewing on the NWPSC website. The 14-minute video can be downloaded in Windows Media or Real Media formats. To view and download, go to: <http://www.productstewardship.net/about.html> and click on the link.

#### **E-CYCLE WASHINGTON KICKS OFF**

This January, electronics manufacturers kicked off a new “producer financed” program called E-Cycle Washington. The program allows Washington state residents and other qualifying groups to recycle their computers, monitors, laptops and TVs for free at authorized collection sites. The program collected **over 700 tons** of electronics in its first two weeks! Visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org) to find out more information or to locate a collection site near you.

E-Cycle Washington is generating stories in national publications and right here in the Northwest - from the [Olympian](#), the [Seattle Times](#), the [Seattle PI](#) to the [Wenatchee World](#). National online publications featuring the story include [MSNBC](#) and [USA Today](#).

#### **STUDENTS CREATE E-CYCLE WASHINGTON PSA ANNOUNCEMENT**

A group of seventh-graders from Port Townsend, WA are conducting their own unique style of outreach to help educate consumers about the new E-Cycle Washington program. View the public service announcement created by the students at [YouTube](#) or read an article about the project in the [Peninsula Daily News](#).

#### **SECURE MEDICINE RETURN BILL INTRODUCED**

[HB 1165](#), the Secure Medicine Return Bill, would create a safe and secure return program for expired, unwanted medicines from residential sources in Washington State. A return program for medicines will avoid accidental poisonings, decrease illegitimate access to drugs that can lead to abuse, and protect surface and groundwater. The bill requires every producer of prescription and over-the-counter medications sold in Washington State to participate in a product stewardship program that would finance the collection, transportation and safe disposal of these medicines. For additional information, see the [Secure Medicine Return for Washington Fact Sheet](#). For information on the bill, please contact Debra Oliver, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, at 206-263-3079 or [debra.oliver@kingcounty.gov](mailto:debra.oliver@kingcounty.gov).

#### **RECYCLING ACT FOR MERCURY-CONTAINING LIGHTS INTRODUCED**

[HB 1469](#) and its companion bill [SB 5543](#), make up the Recycling Act for Mercury Containing Lights. The bills, introduced in the Washington State legislature, would require manufacturers of lighting products that contain mercury – such as compact fluorescent bulbs and linear tubes – to finance and establish a collection and recycling program for these products. The bill requires that collection sites be available in all Washington counties and cities with a population of 10,000 or more. Manufacturers would be required to finance the recycling of bulbs and tubes with a limit of 15 per visit. The bill would also allow small school districts (enrollment of 2,000 students or less) to recycle their bulbs and tubes for free. For more information, read: [Safe and Convenient Recycling for Lights Containing Mercury Fact Sheet](#). For information on the bill, please contact

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