



King County Industrial Waste Program Newsletter

Spring 2018

Same Newsletter; New Look

Since 2015, KCIW has been updating the way we communicate with you. With this edition, our newsletter is getting a new look and feel. Pick the stories you want to read without downloading the entire newsletter. Tell us what you think about the new format at info.kciw@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-5300.

Where is your annual fee estimate?

Annual fee estimate letters coming later this year – in late summer or early fall.

In the past we sent estimates to customers in May before new fees took effect in July. Now KCIW fee changes take effect in January. We are planning to send the estimates well in advance of the next fee change in January 2019.

In 2018, KCIW is working to [update the fee structure](#).



Field trips – not just for school kids

The work YOUR business does to manage and pretreat the wastewater leaving your facility plays a big role in creating a healthy Puget Sound and protecting our water and soil.

Did you know that you can tour any of our regional treatment plants? We can show you how your work fits into the bigger picture of regional water management. Tours available through September. Email casey.plank@kingcounty.gov to schedule.

Report spills to the sewer - new poster coming your way

Companies and facilities that discharge industrial wastewater to King County's sewer system must post emergency phone numbers prominently in their work area. We recently updated our spill poster to include information in 6 languages. Your KCIW inspector will bring you a new poster during their next visit. See the full poster and [download a copy to print](#).



Clean Water Awards – The Envelope Please...

Each spring, KCIW recognizes facilities that have done an excellent job maintaining compliance and preventing pollution. Their work protects communities, the environment, and the economy in our region. This year 56 percent of eligible permit holders received awards. Find out [who won Commitment to Compliance, Gold, and Silver awards](#) in 2017.

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Updating Industrial Waste Fees: Next Steps



As reported in [our last two newsletters](#), KCIW has been working on a proposal to update the structure of its fee system. A two-step decision-making process is starting in summer 2018. First the King County Council will consider an ordinance to update the King County Code. Pending Council approval of the ordinance, the Department of Natural Resources will develop a Public Rule. [Learn more about updating fees.](#)

Industrial Waste Fees for Surcharge Customers

Currently the Surcharge fee covers the cost of treating concentrated waste and the cost of Compliance Monitoring and Administration. Under [a proposal to update Industrial Waste Fees](#), the current Surcharge Fee would be separated into two different fees:

- A Surcharge Fee for treating concentrated waste
- A separate Compliance Monitoring and Administration Fee.

Change brings more transparency, making it easier for customers to see what they are paying for. Within the next two years, customers could begin to see two line items on their bills where they used to see just one. [Learn more about the surcharge fees.](#)



Future: Two fees – one for treatment; one for compliance monitoring

Companies that violate clean water rules receive penalties

How to Avoid Penalties: Late submissions are a frequent and preventable reason for violations and fines. Plan ahead. File your applications and reports on time.

The [spring enforcement ad is now posted.](#)

Industrial Pretreatment Annual Report

In 2017, your work to keep industrial wastewater clean helped KCIW meet federal regulations for water quality. In addition, our biosolids consistently met the strictest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards for concentration of metal. By keeping metals out of wastewater, you help keep it out of the environment. To learn more about KCIW's achievements in the areas of operations, special projects and activities, and public outreach, [read the Industrial Pretreatment Annual Report.](#)

EnvirOvation Award application deadline Nov. 1st



KCIW encourages all permitted facilities to apply for its annual EnvirOvation Award for excellence in pretreatment. Learn about the awards criteria and [download an application.](#)

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