



## Seattle Public Utilities and WM now accepting applications for ReThink Waste Grants

**SEATTLE, Wash. (April 23, 2026)** - From tool libraries to community gardens and composting workshops, there are so many ways to reduce waste in our community. Seattle Public Utilities and **WM** are teaming up for the eighth year in a row to invest \$10,000 in Seattle businesses and nonprofits. The ReThink Waste Grants program was developed to help community organizations prevent and reduce waste and increase recycling and composting.

The grants are open to community organizations, small businesses and nonprofits in WM's service area in Seattle. Funding is \$500 to \$5,000 per project.

Organizations may now [apply for the 2026 ReThink Waste Grants](#). Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, June 16. For help completing the application or coming up with an idea, [register here for a virtual workshop](#) from 12 - 1 pm Pacific Time on May 18 and/or June 1.

"We're pleased to join forces with **WM** to support community-led initiatives for the eighth year in a row," said Sally Hulsman, SPU Solid Waste Contracts Manager. "Whether you're a nonprofit, community group or small business, this opportunity can make a difference in driving recycling, composting, and waste prevention. We encourage you to apply."

Last year's grant recipients and projects included:

- [Redesign Collective: ReFabrica](#) - Workforce training of Casa Latina immigrants and helping small businesses upcycle their textiles.
- [Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Area](#) - Tackling litter by installing cigarette butt collection containers in the neighborhood.
- [Chu Minh Tofu and Vegetarian Deli](#) - Reducing food and packaging waste by distributing free okara to the community.
- [West Seattle Tool Library](#) - Expanding their Fix-it sessions, repairing tools and educating members about circular repair and reuse ethic.
- [Greenwood Interurban Trail Little Free Library](#) - Investing in secure dry storage to reduce food waste and help ensure delivery of free, nutritious food to the community.

### About Seattle Public Utilities

Every day, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) delivers essential, life-sustaining services and partners with the community to equitably manage water and waste for today and future generations. Learn more at: [seattle.gov/utilities](https://seattle.gov/utilities)

### About WM in Seattle

WM provides innovative sustainability solutions and award-winning public outreach to educate and engage Seattle businesses and communities to reduce waste and improve

recycling. To reduce emissions, WM uses the [EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard Program](#) to allocate renewable natural gas (RNG) to WM trucks serving communities in Western Washington. For more information, go to [wmnorthwest.com](http://wmnorthwest.com).

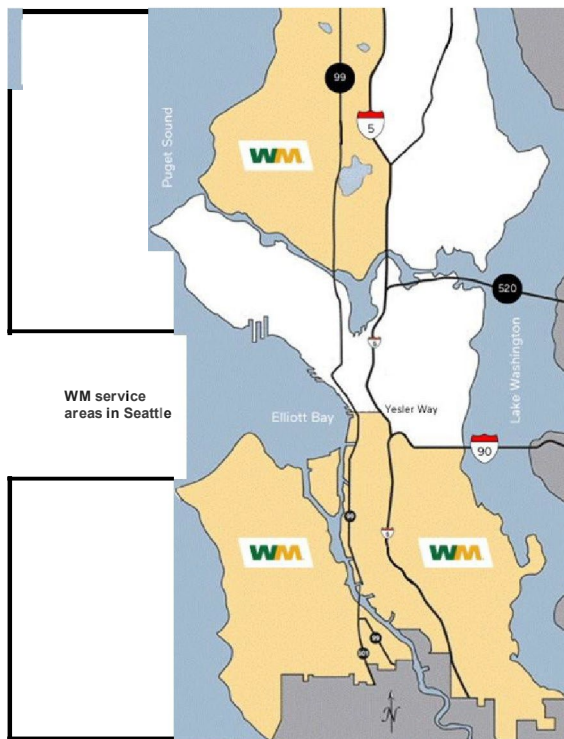
### About WM

With innovative infrastructure and capabilities in recycling, organics, and renewable energy, **WM** provides environmental solutions to and collaborates with its customers in helping them achieve their sustainability goals. **WM** has the largest disposal network and collection fleet in North America, is the largest recycler of post-consumer materials, and is the leader in beneficial use of landfill gas, with a growing network of renewable natural gas plants and the most landfill gas-to-electricity plants in North America. To learn more about WM and the company's sustainability progress and solutions, visit [Sustainability WM.com](#).

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Cutline: Seattle Public Utilities and WM are awarding grants to advance recycling, composting or waste prevention. Applications are open to Seattle community organizations, small businesses and nonprofits in WM's service area as shown on the map.

Map description: Map of Seattle with WM service areas: northwest Seattle, west of I-5 and north of the ship canal; and all of Seattle south of Yesler way and I-90