

WATER POLLUTION IDENTIFICATION & CORRECTION

Preventing pollution, protecting public health

Kitsap Public Health District's Water Pollution & Identification Correction (PIC) team **keeps local waterbodies clean and safe for recreation** by tracking and addressing fecal pollution from septic systems, sewers, animal waste, and other sources. We provide community education and monitor water quality in streams and at swimming beaches to prevent waterborne illness.



Our work includes:

- Responding to reports of pollution caused by waste, primarily from septic systems, agriculture and pets;
- Conducting shoreline monitoring to check for pollution in water flowing into Puget Sound;
- Monitoring for bacteria in streams, lakes, and swimming beaches, and alerting the public to health risks;
- Monitoring for dangerous shellfish biotoxins, in partnership with the state Department of Health;
- Educating the public about health risks from sewage spills and posting sewage spill alerts;
- Educating homeowners about septic systems and animal waste.

Subscribe to our alerts

We issue alerts for health risks related to:

- Harmful bacteria at swimming beaches
- Toxic cyanobacteria (blue-green algae)
- Sewage spills
- Shellfish biotoxins

Sign up to receive alerts by email or text: kitsappublichealth.org/subscribe

View current advisories and see a list of swimming beaches we monitor: kitsappublichealth.org/beaches

Check current shellfish advisories: doh.wa.gov/shellfishsafety

Report health concerns at
[kitsappublichealth.org/
concern](https://kitsappublichealth.org/concern) or by calling
360-728-2235.

