



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

SEATTLE, Wash. (April 2025) - 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 seventh year in a row to invest \$10,000 in Seattle-area businesses. The ReThink Waste Grants program supports organizations working to advance recycling, composting or waste prevention.

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 2025 ReThink Waste Grants [using this link](#). Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, July 1.

"We're pleased to join forces to support community-led initiatives for the seventh year in a row," said Sally Hulsman, SPU 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."

Past grant recipients and projects include:

- Amigos de Seattle – Waste prevention and composting: Hold in-person workshops and a live radio show for Latino and South Park communities to teach about food and yard waste guidelines.
- Diaspora Café – Reuse and composting: Working to promote a culture of reuse through reusable cups and bowls along with a compost bin for their garden.
- Sustainable Ballard / Ballard Tool Library - Reuse: Facilitating the reuse of tools to support local edible gardens and rain-wise yards.
- Switchback Repair - Reuse: Expanding outdoor gear repair service and gear maintenance education.

About Seattle Public Utilities: Every day SPU delivers essential, life-sustaining services while protecting public health and our environment to ensure healthy, thriving communities. **We manage sewer, drainage, and waste collection services** for residents and businesses in Seattle today and future generations. Learn more at: <https://www.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.

About WM

WM (WM.com) is North America's leading provider of comprehensive environmental solutions. Previously known as Waste Management and based in Houston, Texas, WM is driven by commitments to put people first and achieve success with integrity. The company, through its subsidiaries, provides collection, recycling, and disposal services to millions of residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout the U.S. and Canada. 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. WM's fleet includes nearly 11,000 natural gas trucks – the largest heavy-duty natural gas truck fleet of its kind 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.

