



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

SEATTLE, Wash. (Apr. 11, 2024) - Seattle Public Utilities and WM are teaming up for the sixth year in a row to invest \$10,000 in the community. 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 2024 ReThink Waste Grants [using this link](#). Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 1.

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

- Shared Spaces Foundation / The Heron's Nest Outdoor Education Center – Plastics recycling: plastics shredding and extruding machines to process plastics from households, businesses and Duwamish River cleanup events
- El Centro de la Raza – Waste reduction: modernizing water bottle filling stations at El Centro's historic building in Beacon Hill
- Utility Squared Community – Recycling education: educating youth about waste reduction through workshops and curriculum development
- Restaurant 2 Garden – Food waste reduction: expanding food waste recovery in the Chinatown-International District

About Seattle Public Utilities: Every day, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) delivers essential, life-sustaining services and partners with community to equitably manage water and waste for 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](https://www.wm.com/sustainability).

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