

TO: City Council  
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager  
DATE: February 3, 2026  
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2026-002, Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. R2026-002, Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan via City Council consent calendar.

This resolution was recommended for adoption by the Public Works Committee at their January 22, 2026 meeting.

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2) Background:

Under Washington State law, all counties and cities must develop a plan that provides a framework for the management of community generated solid and hazardous waste. Historically, cities and towns of Thurston County have exercised their option under state law to participate in a joint county/municipality integrated solid and hazardous waste management program. All cities within our region coordinate with Thurston County in the creation of a plan. Jurisdictions are required to review plans every five years. If amendments are needed because of changes in law or policy, a revision process is initiated beginning with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, on which Councilmember Cathey represents Tumwater. Once the Plan has been updated and has gone through a public process, it is forwarded to each participating municipality for adoption.

Thurston County is the designated agent for Tumwater for the administration of this Plan and is responsible for all work and costs outlined in the Plan.

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3) Policy Support:

Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tumwater and Thurston County for the Thurston County Solid Waste Management Plan and the Hazardous Waste Plan Updates, signed October 16, 2012.

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4) Alternatives:

- Do not adopt the Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan. This would require Tumwater to develop a city plan for Hazardous Waste Management for approval by the Department of Ecology and in accordance with all regulations and guidelines.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no cost to the City associated with adopting this Plan.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Resolution No. R2026-002, Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- B. Thurston County Hazardous Waste Management Plan