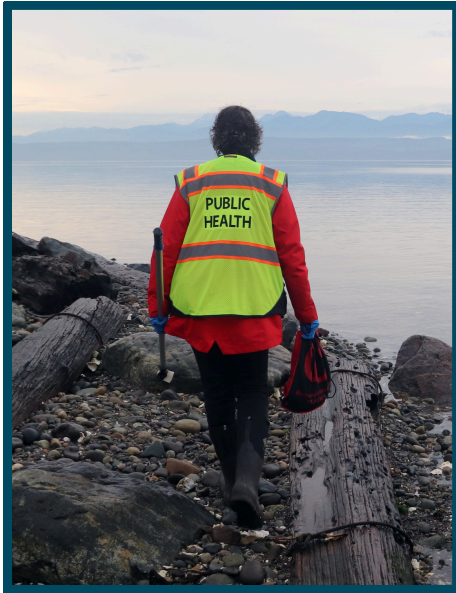


# WATER POLLUTION IDENTIFICATION & CORRECTION

## Preventing pollution, protecting public health

Kitsap Public Health District's Water Pollution & Identification Correction (PIC) team **keeps local bodies of water 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 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

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



Sign up to receive alerts by email or text: **[kitsappublichealth.org/subscribe](https://kitsappublichealth.org/subscribe)**

View current swimming beach advisories: **[kitsappublichealth.org/beaches](https://kitsappublichealth.org/beaches)**

Check current shellfish advisories: **[kitsappublichealth.org/shellfish](https://kitsappublichealth.org/shellfish)**

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## Our mission

Our mission is to **protect the public from waterborne illness and other water quality-related hazards**. Water polluted with fecal bacteria is our main concern because it can make people sick when swimming or eating shellfish.

**You might see our environmental health specialists in neon yellow vests** wading the shallows at swimming beaches, bushwhacking through soggy ravines, or tromping shorelines. Give them a wave and say "hi." Our team is happy to answer questions about our work.



## Our work in 2024

Through sun, rain and snow, **our team is in the field year-round**, keeping tabs on the waters Kitsap residents share and love. Their thorough work resulted in the following statistics for 2024:



**3,165**

water samples  
collected



**14,411**

staff hours logged



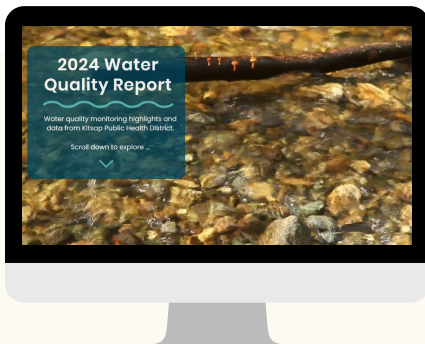
**34**

health advisory  
days for lakes



**66**

streams monitored  
for pollution



## **READ THE 2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT**

**Scan the QR code** to view our annual report that covers how PIC protects bodies of water in Kitsap County.

