Vashon Treatment Plant

King County
Wastewater Treatment

Summer/Fall 2026

Where does your water go?

Most people know where their water comes from. But where does it go after you wash your hands, take a shower, do laundry, or flush a toilet?

On Vashon, used water does not all go to the same place. It may go to a septic system, the Vashon Treatment Plant, or the Beulah Cove community septic system.

Each system helps protect local water and public health.

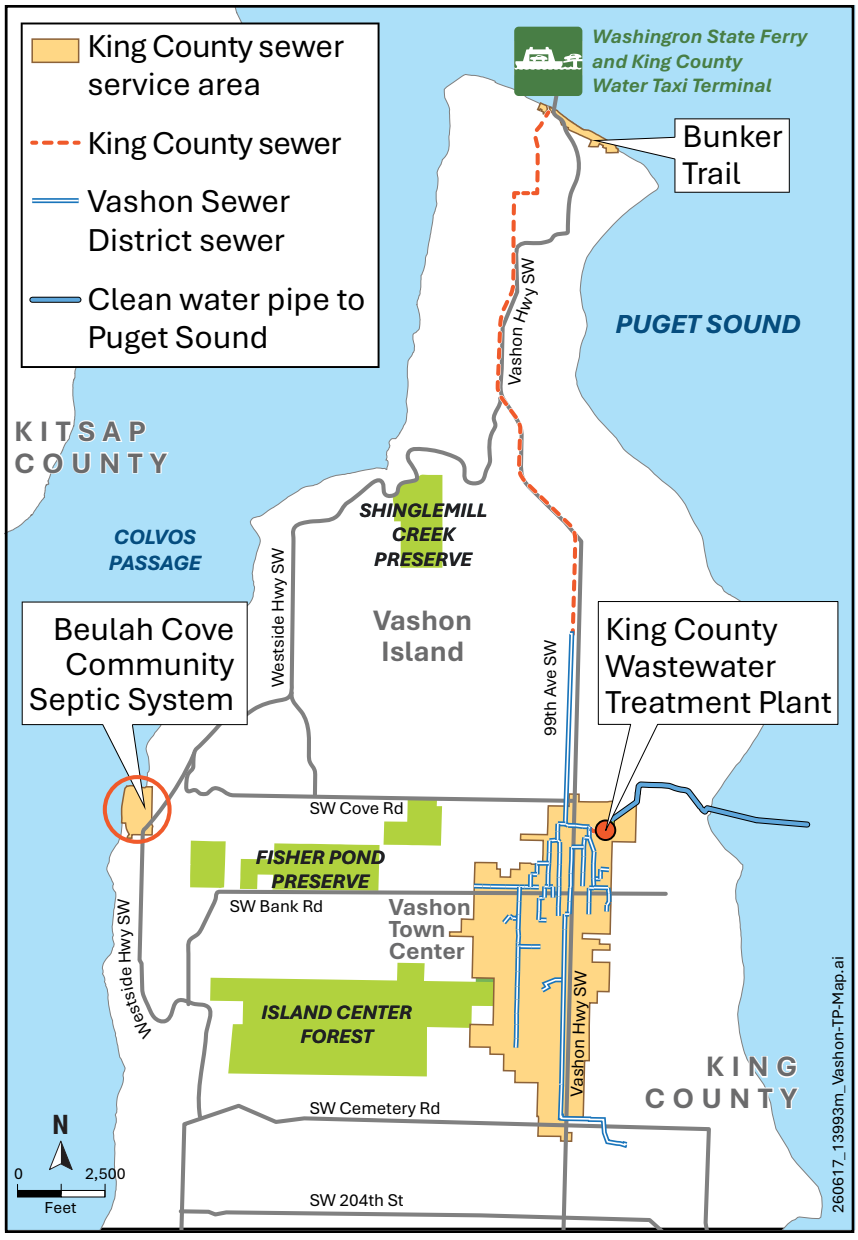
Report a problem

24-hour emergency and odor reporting
Call 206-263-1760

King County wastewater questions
Call 206-463-7318

Vashon Sewer District
Call 206-463-9219

King County helps protect public health and the environment through wastewater treatment.



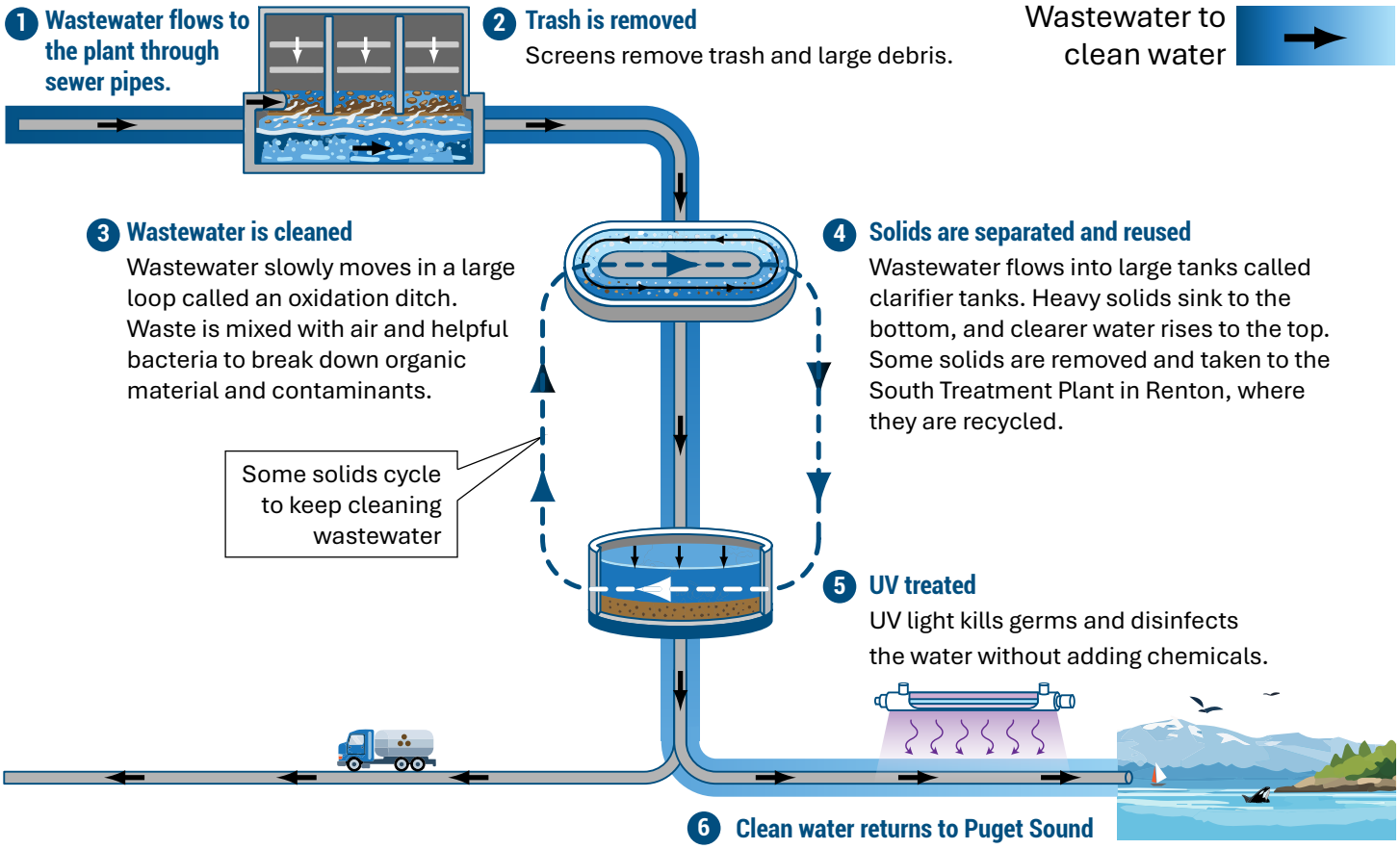
Not sure if you're connected to sewer pipes or on septic tank? Use the QR code to find out!
https://bit.ly/septic-group-b-records-app

Did you know?

Before treated water is returned to Puget Sound, it passes through this UV disinfection system. UV light helps kill germs without adding chemicals.

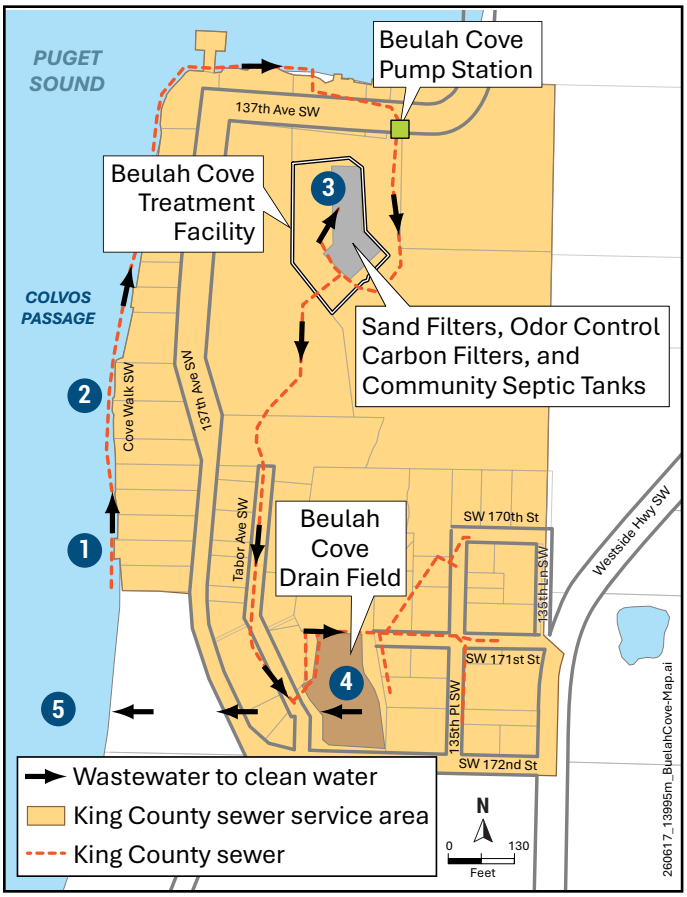
From wastewater to Puget Sound

The Vashon Treatment Plant cleans wastewater before it is returned to Puget Sound. Follow the steps below to see how water moves through the treatment process.



A different path for wastewater

The Beulah Cove system is separate from the Vashon Treatment Plant. It cleans water in several steps. A septic tank, sand filters, UV light, and soil all help clean the water before it returns to the ground.



Did you know?

The Beulah Cove system helps protect groundwater and nearby waterways before water reaches Puget Sound.

1 Wastewater leaves homes

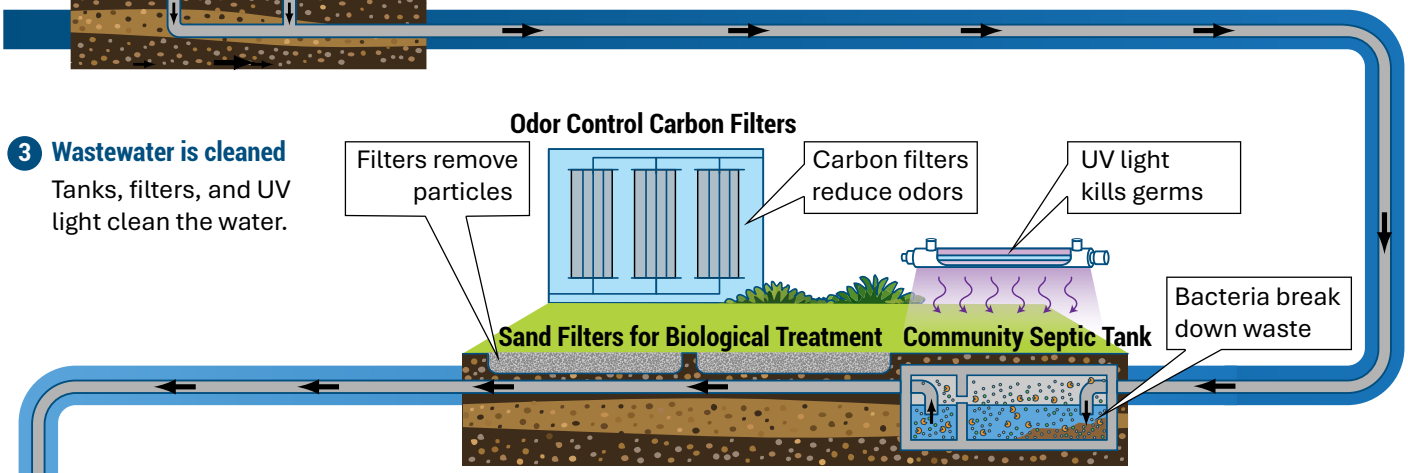
Water flows from homes into community pipes.

2 Wastewater moves through community pipes

Pipes carry water to a shared treatment area. Vacuum pumps help move wastewater through the system.

3 Wastewater is cleaned

Tanks, filters, and UV light clean the water.

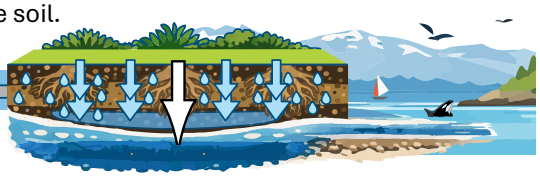


Wastewater to clean water

4 Treated water moves through the drain field and soil

Water flows to the drain field and continues to be cleaned as it moves through the soil.

5 Clean water out to Puget Sound



This process helps protect groundwater and nearby waterways

Help protect local water

Whether your home uses a septic system or sewer service, what you flush matters.

Wipes, grease, and other trash can clog pipes and damage equipment.

Only flush toilet paper and human waste.

Keep these out of toilets and drains

- Grease and cooking oil
- Wipes (including "flushable" wipes), paper towels, and tissues
- Diapers and feminine hygiene products

Grease clog in a sewer pipe

Flushable wipes clog in a sewer pipe

Did you know?

The County spends more than $150,000 each year just to haul flushed wipes, tampons, and other trash from treatment plants to a landfill.

At Beulah Cove, people enjoy Puget Sound for recreation and connecting with nature. Treated water helps keep the Sound healthy.

Learn more

Visit the Vashon Treatment Plant website for updates, helpful links, and more about wastewater service on Vashon.

kingcounty.gov/wastewater/facilities/vashon

Alternative formats available.

Call 206-477-5371 or TTY: 711.

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