

West Point Treatment Plant



West Point Capital Improvements

Seafair Indian Days Powwow Event

Date: July 18-20, 2025

Location: Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, 5011 Bernie Whitebear Way – Discovery Park

Attendance: West Point staff engaged with over 400 Powwow visitors during the event.

Purpose of the event:

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) attended the Seafair Indian Days Powwow event and hosted an information booth to promote West Point with the public and share information about the plant's work. Community members were able to ask questions about career opportunities, plant projects, and learn about our wastewater system.

Key topics included:

- General education about how our wastewater system works and what not to flush down our pipes.
- Career opportunities offered by WTD workforce development, including the Operator-In-Training (OIT) Program.
- Overview of capital improvement projects at West Point Treatment Plant.





Event format:

Visitors to the County booth could receive a giveaway for learning about the wastewater treatment system or playing a waste-sorting game. Giveaway prizes included measuring tape keychains, stress balls (construction hats and toilets), dog poop bag holders, and magnetic chip clips. They received flyers for the OIT and Workforce Development program, as well as materials with information directing them to the King County jobs page. Additional resources for children's activities included origami and coloring sheets.

Summary of feedback:

People visiting the booth were excited to see King County out in the community and interested in learning about our wastewater system. Most community members were aware of what not to flush but were unfamiliar with how the full wastewater treatment system worked. People were also interested in tours of wastewater facilities including West Point, having WTD visiting their workplace or schools, and other educational opportunities with WTD.

A number of people asked questions about how where wastewater goes once it is treated. Chemicals of Emerging Concern (CECs) and PFAS were called out as concern. A few people expressed interest in learning more about recycled water and biosolids including the Loop program.