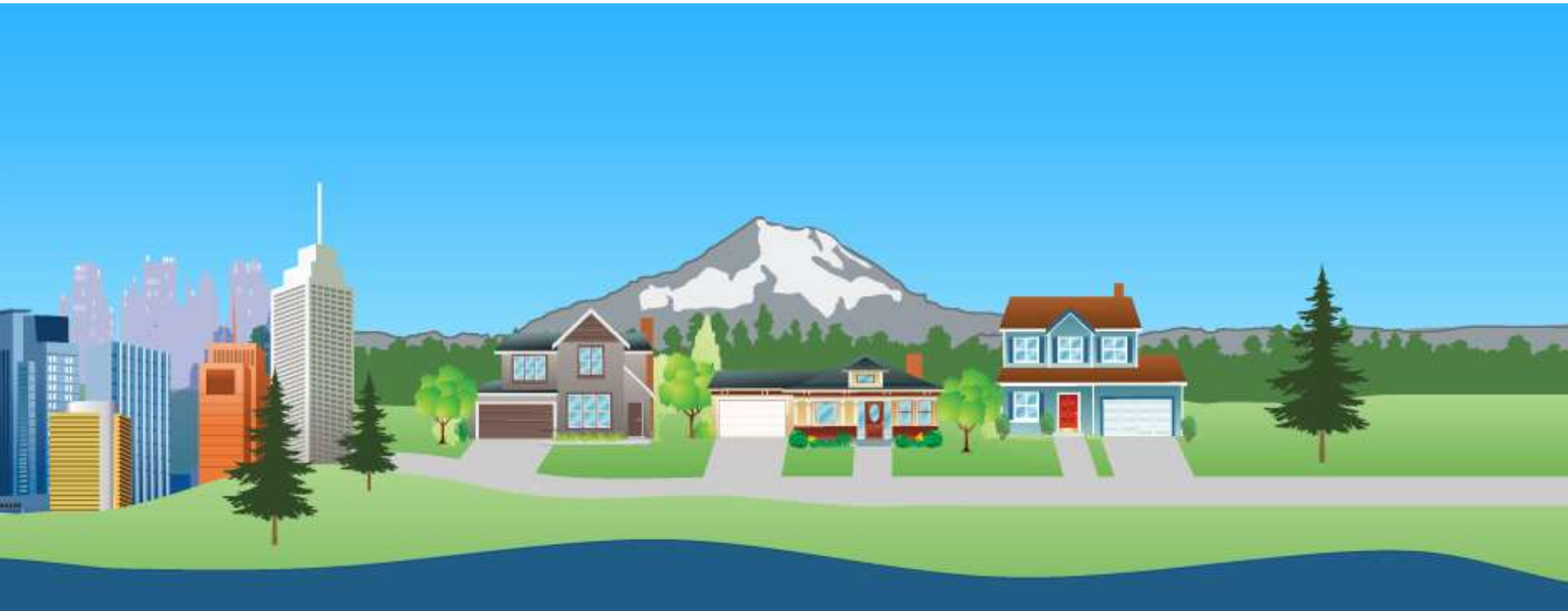


# Welcome To Pierce County





## **Air Quality**

### **Pierce County is Working to Improve Winter Air Quality**

Pierce County had its third consecutive year of improved air quality in 2012. The efforts of local governments and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency are raising awareness of the health and economic issues brought on by our wood smoke problem.

## Energy Efficiency

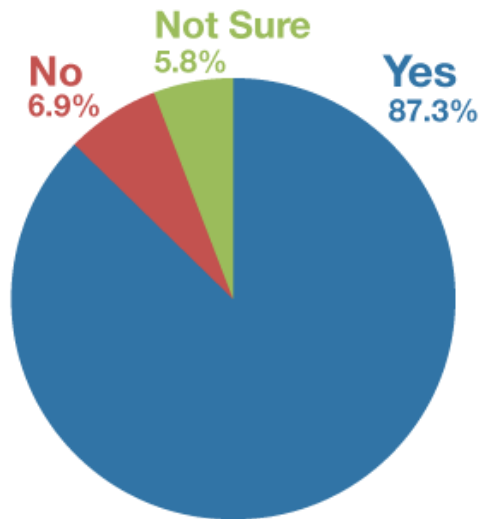


### **Pierce County has Reduced Energy Use by 13% since 2009**

Pierce County continues to decrease energy use in our buildings saving money and reducing the negative impacts of energy creation. In 2012 Pierce County spent \$2,097,339.57 on electricity and natural gas at our owned buildings, which is significantly less than previous years. This is a result of retrofitting older facilities and Pierce County employee's using best energy practices.



Percent of Pierce County Employees that consider **sustainability** at work



**Green**

## ***Purchasing & Recycling***



- **Pierce County has reduced our printer paper use by 20.8% since 2009, meeting our 2015 Sustainability goal.**
- **Pierce County employees have increased recycling by 47.8% in our County buildings, since 2009.**



## **Sustainable Transportation**

- **Since 2009, Pierce County has increased our hybrids and electric vehicles by 63%.**
- **Since 2009 the fleet has improved by 2.8mpg a 19.8% increase in fuel efficiency.**
- **In 2012 Pierce County employees used their ORCA cards for 29,313 trips an increase of 25.8% over 2011.**

A Great Egret with a long neck and a sharp beak stands on a pile of dark, mossy logs in a shallow stream. The water is clear and blue, reflecting the sky. The bird is facing left.

## Water *Quality & Quantity*

- **Pierce County monitors water quality in local streams, and assigns a letter grade based on specific parameters that indicate certain problems. The average grade for Pierce County's streams is a C+.**
- **Pierce County has reduced water use by 3.6% since 2009.**

## Level Two Solutions

