

Klickitat County Privacy Notice

Thank you for visiting the Klickitat County web site and reviewing our Privacy Notice. This statement addresses how we collect, use, and secure the information we obtain through your use of this web site. This notice covers the following topics:

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Information Collected and How We Use it

What information we collect if you only browse this site.

If you do nothing during your visit to our website but browse, read pages, or download information, we will gather and store certain information about your visit. This information does not identify you personally. We automatically collect and store the following information about your visit:

1. The Internet Protocol Address and domain name used. The Internet Protocol address is a numerical identifier assigned either to your Internet service provider or directly to your computer. We use the Internet Protocol Address to direct Internet traffic to you. This address can be translated to determine the domain name of your service provider (e.g. xcompany.com or yourschool.edu);
2. The type of browser and operating system you used;
3. The date and time you visited this site;
4. The web pages or services you accessed at this site; and
5. The web site you visited prior to coming to this web site.

The information we automatically collect or store is logged and used by Klickitat County only to improve the content of our web services and to help us understand how people are using our services. Klickitat County analyzes the web site logs to determine how our web site is being used, so we may continually improve the site's usefulness to the public.

What information we collect if you volunteer it.

If during your visit to our web site you send us an e-mail, we collect the contents of your e-mail message (including audio, video and graphics information) along with your return e-mail address. We use this information to respond directly to you, address the issues you identify in our e-mail, further improve our web site or forward it to another agency for appropriate action.

If you participate in a survey, information we collect is used to make improvements to the web site and collect demographic information on site use.

If you perform some other transaction online, information we collect will be used solely for the purpose outlined on the form.

Personal Information and Choice

You may choose whether to provide personal information on-line.

"Personal information" is information about a natural person that is readily identifiable to that specific individual. Personal information includes such things as an individual's name, address, and phone number. A domain name or Internet Protocol address is not considered personal information.

We do not collect personal information about you unless you voluntarily provide it to us by sending us e-mail, participate in a survey, participate in an on-line forum, or complete an on-line form. You may choose not to contact us by e-mail, participate in a survey or to provide any personal information using an on-line form or in an on-line forum. Your choice to not participate in these activities will not impair your ability to browse the Klickitat County web site and read or download any information provided on the site.

State law and the federal Privacy Act of 1974 protect personal information requested on the web site or volunteered by the user. However, this information is a public record once you provide it, and the public may inspect or copy it if state or federal law does not protect it.

If you believe that we or anyone else is using your personal information for a purpose other than what you intended when you submitted it to us, you may contact the Klickitat County Web Master as shown in the Contact Information Section of this statement.

It is not the intent of this site to collect information from children. However, any information collected from or voluntarily given to us by children either on-line or by e-mail will be treated the same as information given by an adult, and may be subject to public access.

Public Access to Information

In the State of Washington, laws exist to ensure state government is open and the public has a right to access appropriate records and information possessed by state government. At the same time, there are exceptions to the public's right to access public records that serve various needs, including the privacy of individuals. Both state and federal law provide exceptions.

All of the information collected at this site becomes public records that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public, unless an exemption in law exists. The provisions of RCW 42.56.070 state that:

*Each agency, in accordance with published rules, shall make available for public inspection and copying all public records, unless the record falls within the specific exemptions of *subsection (6) of this section, this chapter, or other statute which exempts or prohibits disclosure of specific information or records. To the extent required to prevent an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy interests protected by this chapter, an agency shall delete identifying details in a manner consistent with this chapter when it makes available or publishes any public record; however, in each case, the justification for the deletion shall be explained fully in writing.*

In the event of a conflict between this Privacy Notice and the Public Records Act or other law governing the agency's disclosure of records, the Public Records Act or other applicable law will control.

Email

Notice: All email sent to a klickitatcounty.org email address will be received by the Klickitat County email system and may be subject to public disclosure under Chapter 42.56 RCW and to archiving and review.

Review and Correction of Personally Identifiable Information

You can review any personally identifiable information we collect about you by contacting us. See the information at the end of this notice for how to contact us. You may recommend changes to personally identifiable information we have about you if you believe it to be inaccurate. You must submit an e-mail request that credibly shows the inaccuracy. We will take reasonable steps to verify your identity before granting access or making corrections. (RCW 43.105.310)

Cookies

To better serve our users we may use "cookies" to customize your browsing experience with Klickitat County. Cookies are simple text files stored on your computer by your web browser. Cookies created on your computer by using this website do not contain personally identifying information and do not compromise your privacy or security.

Security

Klickitat County's has taken steps to safeguard the integrity of data and prevent unauthorized access to information maintained by Klickitat County. These measures are designed and intended to prevent corruption of data, block unknown or unauthorized access to our systems and information, and to provide reasonable protection of private information in our possession.

This information should not be construed in any way as giving business, legal, or other advice, or warranting as fail proof, the security of information provided via the Klickitat County website.

Site Disclaimer

Neither Klickitat County, Washington, nor any department, officer or employee of Klickitat County, Washington, warrants the accuracy, reliability or timeliness of any information published herein, nor endorses any content, viewpoints or services linked from this site. Portions of such information may be incorrect or not current. The information contained herein is subject to change without notice. All information is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind and, in particular, no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made nor to be inferred as to the accuracy, timeliness or completeness of such information. Any person or entity that relies on any information obtained from this web site does so at his or her own risk. Under no circumstances shall Klickitat County, Washington have liability to any person or entity for (i) any loss or damage in whole or in part caused by, resulting from or relating to any error (neglect or otherwise) or any circumstances involved in procuring, collecting, compiling, interpreting, analyzing, editing, transcribing, communicating or delivering such information, or (ii) any direct, indirect, special, consequential or incidental damages whatsoever, even if Klickitat County, Washington is advised in advance of the possibility of such damages, resulting from the use of, or inability to use, any such information.

Link Disclaimer

External links on the Klickitat County web site are maintained by other public and private organizations. Please be aware that we do not control or guarantee the accuracy, relevance, timeliness, or completeness of this outside information. Further, the inclusion or pointers to particular items in hypertext is not intended to reflect their importance, nor is it intended to endorse any views expressed or products or services offered by the author of the reference or the organization operating the server on which the reference is maintained.

Link Policy

The Klickitat County web site links to external web sites in the hope that users will find reference material on community-related subjects. Because the County cannot control those sites, it cannot be held responsible for content included in them. Moreover, in no way should an external link be considered any form of endorsement by Klickitat County. If you would like to have a link added to this site please e-mail the appropriate department. Your link request will then be evaluated and if approved a link to your site will be added to the Klickitat County web site.

Contact Information

Klickitat County maintains this web site to enhance public access to information about the department's services. While we make every effort to keep this information as timely and current as possible, errors can occur. To correct errors or offer comments about this web site, review or request correction of your personal information, or offer comments about this Privacy Notice or present a privacy issue, you may e-mail your comments or concerns to IT-Staff@klickitatcounty.org