

**Joint Conference**  
**Product Stewardship Institute and Northwest Chapter of the North American**  
**Hazardous Materials Management Association**  
**June 1 to 4**

Product stewardship is a policy which ensures that responsibility for end-of-life product management is shared with the producers, and all entities involved in the product chain, instead of just the general public. In Canada and Europe, product stewardship is a common business practice that involves manufacturers, retailers, recyclers and processors. In Washington State, the new E-Cycle Washington program is an example of a product stewardship program where the TV and computer manufacturers provide free recycling for Washington residents' TVs, computers and monitors (see <http://www.ecyclewashington.org> ). Product stewardship also has a positive impact on our waters since many products targeted by product stewardship, such as florescent lamps that contain mercury, plastic packaging, electronic products, and pharmaceuticals, can enter into water systems both directly and indirectly, and cause problems to humans and the natural ecosystem.

On June 1 to June 4, the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) and the Northwest Chapter of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) are offering a joint conference in Seattle, WA focused on product stewardship, chemicals policy, and household hazardous waste management.

Come learn more about product stewardship and how you can help make a difference. Join us on a tour to British Columbia, Canada to see their product stewardship programs for paint, electronics, packaging, beverage containers and household hazardous waste. Hear from expert speakers and participate in forums, breakout-sessions, trainings and workshops! You can also receive 12 continuing education units from our conference!

For more information on the Product Stewardship Institute 5th Annual Forum, visit <http://www.productstewardship.us/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=447>

For more about local product stewardship efforts, see the Northwest Product Stewardship Council's website at <http://www.productstewardship.net>