



Using Records Retention Schedules: Which Retention Schedules Do County Auditors Use?

Purpose: Provide guidance to County Auditors on which records retention schedules to use.

County Auditors use the following records retention schedules:

1. Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE)

This schedule covers records that are created or received by most government agencies, such as records relating to:

- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Contracts and agreements
- Facilities and asset management
- Financial transactions and accounting
- Human resources
- Information systems/technology
- Mandatory reporting/filing
- Meetings and hearings
- Payroll
- Policies and procedures
- Public records requests

The **Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE)** also covers transitory records such as:

- Brainstorming and collaborating
- Contact information
- Drafting and editing
- Meeting arrangements and scheduling
- Reference materials
- Spam and junk mail

2. County Auditor Records Retention Schedule

This schedule covers records that are specific or unique to County Auditors, such as records relating to:

- Ballots
- Candidate filing
- District and precinct boundaries
- Elections administration
- Recordings and filings
- Voter registration
- Vehicle licensing and permitting

**Additional advice regarding the management of public records is available from
Washington State Archives:**