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## GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULES

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
GUIDELINES

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### ACCOUNTING - INCLUSIVE

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Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Schedule Title: ACCOUNTING –BANKING

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-03B

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-01	
2	BANK DEPOSIT RECORDS Includes passbooks and deposit slips for both checking and savings accounts in all locations.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-02	
3	DEPOSIT REGISTER - UTILITIES ACCOUNTING	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-02	
4	BANK STATEMENTS	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-03	
5	CANCELLED CHECKS/WARRANTS	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-04	
6	CASH BOOK	OFM	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-05	
7	CHECK STUBS OR DUPLICATE COPIES	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-06	
8	DESIGNATION OF BANK OR OTHER DEPOSITORY FOR AGENCY FUNDS	OFM	6 years after withdrawal of designation	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-07	
9	STATEMENTS OF BOND OR OTHER COLLATERAL SECURITY POSTED BY BANK (Or other depository)	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-09	
10	APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE INSTRUMENT, AFFIDAVIT, AND BOND 1. Authority to issue duplicated check or warrant in case of loss or destruction. 2. Notarized oath that original was lost or destroyed and request for replacement.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-10	
11	SIGNATURE RECORDS List of employees and their signatures that are authorized to sign checks/warrants.	OPR	Destroy when superseded plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03B-11	

Schedule Title: ACCOUNTING – BUDGET

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-03D

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-01	

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Schedule Title: ACCOUNTING – BUDGET

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-03D

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2	ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL Includes annual financial reports compiled by all units of local government as per statute, charter and agency policy.	OFM	Clerk of governing council, commission or board - PERMANENT - 1 copy archival - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-02	Contact your Regional Archivist - one copy of each available report should be assembled for transfer to Regional Archives.
3	BUDGET DEVELOPMENT OR WORKING FILES Background information and draft documents compiled in the course of budget preparation.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-03	
4	BUDGET FORECAST REPORTS	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-04	
5	BUDGET OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT TO GOVERNING COUNCIL, COMMISSION, OR BOARD	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-05	
6	BUDGET STATUS REPORT Includes all types of periodic budget status reports compiled by all units of local government as per statute, charter, or agency policy.	OFM	3 years or until completion of State Auditor's examination report	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-06	
7	DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-07	
8	FINAL BUDGET	OFM	Clerk of governing council, commission or board - PERMANENT - 1 copy archival - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-08	Contact your Regional Archivist - one copy of each available report should be assembled for transfer to Regional Archives.
9	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-09	
10	PRELIMINARY BUDGETS	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-10	

Schedule Title: ACCOUNTING -GRANTS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-03C

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS - GRANTS Annual report submitted for continuing grants containing summaries and breakdowns of expenditures for the past year.	OFM	3 years or retain for period required by grant or program - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-01	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

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2	FINAL GRANT EXPENDITURE REPORT End of a project report accounting for the expenditure of grant funds submitted for non-continuing grants.	OFM	3 years or retain for period required by grant or program – Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-02	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.
3	FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS - CONTINUING GRANTS Working papers, such as summaries, spread sheets and other data reflecting the expenditures of grant fund.	OFM	3 years or retain for period required by grant or program - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-03	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.
4	FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS - NON-CONTINUING GRANTS Working papers, such as summaries, spreadsheets, and other data reflecting the expenditure of grant funds.	OFM	3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or retain for period required by grant or program - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-04	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.
5	GRANT AGREEMENT Official statement of the terms and conditions of the grant agreed upon and signed by the grantor and the grantee.	OPR	3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or retain for period required by grant or program - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-05	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
6	GRANT APPLICATIONS - APPROVED Includes narrative explanation of the nature and purpose of the proposed project, amount of funds requested, matching funds, in-kind contributions, and plan of work.	OPR	3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or retain for period required by grant or program - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-06	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.
7	GRANT APPLICATIONS - NOT APPROVED	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-07	
8	GRANT PROJECT WARRANTS, CHECKS, AND VOUCHERS	OPR	6 years or until satisfaction of grant audit requirements, whichever is longer	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-08	
9	GRANT PROJECT REPORTS Statement on progress, problems, and success in the completion of the grant project, including periodic, annual, special, and final reports.	OPR	3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or retain for period required by grant or program – Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-09	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
10	GRANTS - STATISTICAL DOCUMENTATION	OFM	3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or retain for period required by grant or program - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-10	For federal grants, reference 24 CFR 84. 85(c) (2) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
11	WARRANT, CHECK, OR VOUCHER REGISTERS-GRANT FUNDS Numerical listing of checks, warrants, and vouchers from transactions involving grant funds.	OPR	6 years or until satisfaction of grant audit requirements, whichever is longer	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03C-11	

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Schedule Title: ACCOUNTING – PAYROLL

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-03E

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	OPR	Termination of authorization plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-01	
2	BENEFIT DETAIL REPORTS - PAYROLL	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-02	
3	CONSOLIDATED OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT (COBRA) EXTENSION NOTICE AND ELECTION FORMS Document extension of health care benefit coverage upon termination of employment or other qualifying event.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-03	
4	DAILY, WEEKLY, OR MONTHLY TIME ACCUMULATION REPORTS (TIME CARDS) May be used as retirement verification.  ESSENTIAL RECORD if used for retirement verification – Needs security microfilm backup – <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR  OFM	If used for retirement verification – 60 years  If NOT used for retirement verification – 3 years <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-04	Retain for 60 years if employee pay histories or payroll registers are not used for retirement verification. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by offsite storage of a security microfilm backup at State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
5	DIRECT PAYROLL DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION	OFM	Until transferred to cancellation file	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-05	
6	DIRECT PAYROLL DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION CANCELLATION	OFM	4 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-06	
7	DIRECT PAYROLL DEPOSIT ENROLLEES DETAIL DATA	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-07	
8	DIRECT PAYROLL DEPOSIT HASH SHEET	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-08	
9	DIRECT PAYROLL DEPOSIT PRE-NOTE DATA	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-09	
10	DIRECT PAYROLL DEPOSIT TRANSMITTAL LISTINGS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-10	
11	DISABILITY, HEALTH AND WELFARE CLAIMS - PAYROLL	OPR	Settlement plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-11	
12	EMPLOYEE EARNINGS QUARTERLY REPORTS	OFM	4 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-12	
13	EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES (W-4)	OFM	4 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-13	
14	EMPLOYER'S COPIES OF FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX STATEMENT (W-2)	OFM	4 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-14	

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15	INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE PAY HISTORY May be used for verification of eligibility for retirement benefits.  ESSENTIAL RECORD if used for retirement verification – Needs security microfilm backup – <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR  OFM	If used for retirement verification – 60 years  If NOT used for retirement verification – 3 years <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-15	Either the individual employee pay history or the payroll register must be kept for long-term verification of retirement eligibility. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by offsite storage of a security microfilm backup at State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
16	LABOR AND INDUSTRIES REPORT ON PAYROLL	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-16	
17	LEAVE BUY-BACK ACCEPTANCE FORMS	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-17	
18	LEAVE SHARING AUTHORIZATION	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-18	
19	LISTINGS OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS Includes medical insurance.	OFM	3 years or until completion of State Auditor's examination report	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-19	
20	MEDICAL INSURANCE REPORTS - PAYROLL	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-20	
21	OLD AGE SECURITY INSURANCE (OASI) REPORTS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-21	
22	<b>PAYROLL REGISTER</b>  May be used for verification of eligibility for retirement benefits.  ESSENTIAL RECORD if used for retirement verification – Needs security microfilm backup – <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR  OFM	If used for retirement verification – 60 years  If NOT used for retirement verification – 3 years <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-22	Either the individual employee pay history or the payroll register must be kept for long-term verification of retirement eligibility. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by offsite storage of a security microfilm backup at State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
23	RECORDS OF ATTACHMENTS OR GARNISHMENTS OF SALARIES OR WAGES	OPR	Satisfaction plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-23	
24	STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT TRANSMITTAL	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-24	
25	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS - PAYROLL Documentation of status of and adjustments to payroll accounts.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-25	

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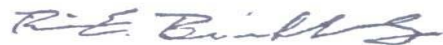
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Series NO.	TITLE AND DESCRIPTION
1	<b>AGENCY PUBLICATIONS</b> Supplies of agency publications, forms, and printed documents that are superseded, outdated, or otherwise valueless, EXCEPT FOR ACCOUNTABLE FORMS THAT MUST BE EXAMINED BY THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE BEFORE BEING DESTROYED. Agency publications may be given away to the public or other agencies rather than being destroyed.
2	<b>CATALOGS, TRADE JOURNALS, VIDEOS, AND OTHER PRINTED OR PUBLISHED MATERIALS</b> Received from other offices, commercial firms, or private institutions, that require no action, and are not needed for documentary purposes.
3	<b>INFORMATIONAL COPIES</b> Electrostatic, photocopy, magnetic, or other type of copy of correspondence, completed forms, bulletins, etc., prepared for reference and informational distribution.
4	<b>LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL</b> Letters of transmittal, which do not add any information to the transmitted materials.
5	<b>MISCELLANEOUS MEMORANDA</b> Miscellaneous notices or memoranda that do not relate to the functional responsibility of the agency, e.g., notices of community affairs, employees meetings, holidays, etc.
6	<b>PRELIMINARY DRAFTS</b> Preliminary drafts of letters, memoranda, reports, worksheets, and informal notes, which do not represent significant basic steps in the preparation of record documents.
7	<b>REPRODUCTION MATERIALS</b> Includes materials such as stencils, hectograph masters, and offset plates.
8	<b>ROUTING SLIPS</b> Routing slips used to direct the distribution of documents.
9	<b>SHORTHAND NOTES, STENO TYPE TAPES, WORD PROCESSING DISKS, AND MECHANICAL RECORDINGS</b> After they have been transcribed into typewritten or printed form on paper or microfilm.
10	<b>TELEPHONE MESSAGES</b> "While you were away" slips, check slips, or similar forms used to convey non-policy informational messages. Materials containing personal information should be disposed of in a secure manner.
11	<b>USED / CANCELLED EVENT TICKETS AND PASSES</b>

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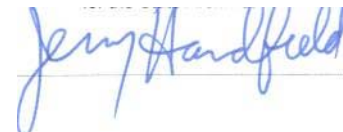
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Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Schedule Title: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS COMMON TO ALL AGENCY WORK UNITS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS 50-01

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-01	
2	ADMINISTRATIVE WORKING FILES Subject files containing informational copies of various records organized by issue, person, subject, or other areas of interest.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - elected official, executive and department head files are potentially archival - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-02	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of elected official, executive, or department head files. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
3	ANNUAL REPORTS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES Copies of reports of activities submitted yearly to the governing council, commission, or board.	OFM	Clerk of governing council, commission, or board keeps primary copy PERMANENT - 1 copy archival - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-04	Contact your Regional Archivist. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
4	APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WHEN APPLICANT IS NOT HIRED – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES Copies of employment applications submitted by applicants who were not hired.	OFM	Personnel office keeps primary copy 3 years	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-01	
5	APPOINTMENT CALENDARS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded – <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-36	Elected officials and department heads may want to retain appointment calendars to document activities and appointments for a longer period.
6	BIOGRAPHICAL FILES ON AGENCY OFFICIALS AND STAFF – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-01	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
7	BUDGET AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT FILES – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES The final budgets are retained permanently as reference attachments to the ordinances or resolutions that adopt them.	OFM	Final budget is kept by clerk of governing council, commission, or board PERMANENT  Budget development and request files are retained 2 years by the finance or budget office	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03D-03	
8	CENSUS RECORDS FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	OFM	The State Office of Financial Management keeps primary copy PERMANENT	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	GS50-01-37	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
9	CHRONOLOGICAL REFERENCE FILE Also known as reading or day file. Used as a chronological reference source supplemental to correspondence and subject reference files.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-08	

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
10	CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS/REQUESTS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-09	
11	CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES	OPR	Settlement plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-10	
12	CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND WARRANTIES	OPR	Termination plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-11	
13	CORRESPONDENCE Letters and attached materials sent and received during the course of agency business.	OFM	2 years - elected official, executive, and department head files are potentially archival - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-12	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
14	FINANCIAL REPORTS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES Copies of financial reports made to and/or by the department regarding its, expenditures and the status of its budget.	OFM	3 years or until completion of State Auditor's examination report	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-3D-06	
15	FISCAL, PURCHASE AND RECEIVING DOCUMENTS	OFM	Finance or Purchasing Office keeps primary copies 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-17	
16	GOVERNING COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AND BOARD MEETING AGENDAS/PACKETS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Clerk of governing council, commission or board keeps primary copy 3 years	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-03	
17	GOVERNING COUNCIL, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD MINUTES – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Clerk of governing council, commission or board keeps primary copy PERMANENT	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-13	
18	HISTORICAL FILES OF THE AGENCY – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-02	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
19	LEGAL OPINIONS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Agency attorney keeps primary copy PERMANENT - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS53-02-03	If the agency contracts for outside legal representation, the primary record copy will probably be held by agency's executive administration.

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
20	LITIGATION FILES – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Legal office or executive administration keeps until case closed plus 10 years - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS53-02-04	Primary copies of official court documents are held permanently by the Clerk of Superior Court, or 10 years by the District or Municipal Court Administrator. Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
21	MAILING LISTS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-21	
22	MASTER FILE OF AGENCY PUBLICATIONS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
23	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-05	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
24	OFFICIAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVES, REGULATIONS, AND RULES  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security microfilm backup - <b>See remarks.</b> (See item #1 for administrative procedures and instructions).	OPR	PERMANENT as adopted - One copy archival - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-24	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying the original record. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by offsite storage of a security microfilm backup at State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
25	ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION DEVELOPMENT FILES Documentation of the analysis and development of ordinances and/or resolutions submitted for the approval of the agency's governing council, commission, or board.	OFM	3 years - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-25	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
26	ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Clerk of the governing council, commission, committee, or board keeps primary copy PERMANENT	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-16	

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
27	PAYROLL REPORTS – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Payroll office keeps primary copy- 3 years, OR 60 years if needed for retirement audit	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-03E-25	
28	PERSONNEL FILES – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Personnel office keeps primary copy until termination of employment plus 6 years	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-06	
29	PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MATERIAL – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES Photographic negatives may be held in the Regional Archives for permanent preservation and security backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-06	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record or to discuss transfer of negatives for permanent preservation and security backup.
30	PRESS RELEASES – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-07	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
31	PUBLIC OPINION POLLS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-30	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
32	RECEIPTS FOR CASH RECEIVED – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Finance office keeps primary copy 6 years	<b>Office references copies</b> - Keep 3 years	GS50-03A-21	
33	REQUESTS FOR LEAVE/OVERTIME	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-09	
34	RESEARCH/PROGRAM REPORTS, STUDIES, SURVEYS, MODELS, AND ANALYSES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-32	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
35	SCRAPBOOKS AND ALBUMS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-08	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.
36	SPEECHES BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF REPRESENTING THE AGENCY – OFFICE REFERENCE COPIES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	<b>Office references copies</b> - Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-09	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of the primary copy of this record. Records from this series may be selected for transfer to and preservation at a Regional Archives branch.

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
37	SUPERVISOR'S EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE BACKGROUND FILES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-30	
38	TELEPHONE LOGS AND USAGE DETAIL REPORTS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-35	
39	WORK PLANS Plan of an agency's actions for the coming year. Documents agency, section, or program timelines and areas of responsibility to specific actions.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-01-38	<i>New series- January 2002</i>

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## COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

### ASSESSMENT – GENERAL *Approved February 1998*

The following general records retention schedule sets minimum retention requirements and provides county assessors with blanket authority for the disposition of commonly held records according to the provisions of RCW 40.14.070 and WAC 434-635-050. This section begins with the signatures of the Local Records Committee, which signify the Committee's approval and the foundation of the records disposition authority that the schedule conveys to county assessors. Each records series entry is assigned a Disposition Authority Number. These numbers should be cited in the documentation that an agency maintains for the records it actually destroys. An agency may retain individual records series longer than the retention period approved by the Local Records Committee, but such records are subject to public disclosure and legal discovery until they are disposed of. Any records that may be discoverable in an active or pending court case must be retained and made available for discovery until the case is settled, regardless of their approved retention periods.

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**Potential Archival Value** – This designation identifies records that have potential historical research value. These records must be appraised for transfer to the Regional Archives system before being destroyed. Contact your Regional Archivist to arrange for appraisal and transfer of records with potential archival value.

**Essential Record** – This designation identifies records that are essential for the continuity and restoration of agency operations after a disaster, serve as primary documentation of an agency's legal authority and responsibilities, or protects the rights of clients, property owners, students or other individuals.

### ASSESSMENT - GENERAL - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – February 1998



For the Attorney General: Brian Bucholz



For the State Auditor: Cliff Whipple



For the State Archivist: David Owens

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: ASSESSMENT - GENERAL

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-03A

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	APPRAISAL MANUALS	OFM	Department of Revenue has primary copy	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03A-01	
2	APPRAISAL RECHECK OR REVIEW	OPR	6 years	None	AS01-03A-02	
3	APPRAISER'S WORKING FILES AND NOTES	OFM	Until superseded by new valuation cycle	None	AS01-03A-03	
4	AREA FILES Documentation of estimated market value for the various types of property in each appraisal area.	OFM	Until superseded by new appraisal cycle. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	None	AS01-03A-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
5	BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD AND ANNEXATION FILES Created after the formation of Boundary Review Board.	OFM	Boundary Review Board - PERMANENT - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when maps and reference files are updated	AS01-03A-05	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
6	BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD AND ANNEXATION FILES Created before the formation of Boundary Review Board.	OFM	County Assessor - PERMANENT - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03A-06	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
7	CANCELLATION AND/OR ACCOUNTING SUPPLEMENTS Reports on change of valuation on taxable property used to revise assessment roll and to compile list valuation changes sent to Board of Equalization.	OFM	3 years	Board or Equalization	AS01-03A-07	
8	DESTROYED PROPERTY - ADJUSTMENT RECORDS	OPR	6 years	None	AS01-03A-08	
9	FACTORING LOG	OFM	Last entry plus 5 years	None	AS01-03A-09	
10	NEIGHBORHOOD FILES Data on property characteristics and their value used to compare various areas or sub-areas as part of determining market value.	OFM	Until superseded by new appraisal cycle. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	None	AS01-03A-10	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
11	OPERATING PROPERTY FILES AND ROLLS	OPR	6 years - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03A-11	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
12	RAILROAD PROPERTY VALUATION FILES	OFM	Department of Revenue has primary copy - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03A-12	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
13	REVALUATION LETTERS OR CARDS	OFM	1 year	None	AS01-03A-13	
14	REVALUATION RATIO ANALYSIS FILES	OFM	Department of Revenue has primary copy - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03A-14	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
15	STATE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDERS	OFM	Department of Revenue has primary copy	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03A-15	
16	TAX AND LEVY CERTIFICATIONS, LETTERS, RESOLUTIONS, AND CALCULATIONS	OFM	County Commissioners or Assessors – 6 years	County Assessor or Treasurer – Destroy when superseded	AS01-03A-16	

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: ASSESSMENT - GENERAL

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-03A

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
17	VALUATION CHANGE ORDER REGISTER	OFM	Until disposition of last entry	None	AS01-03A-17	
18	VALUATION CHANGE ORDERS	OPR	6 years	None	AS01-03A-18	

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# COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## ASSESSMENT – PERSONAL PROPERTY - *Approved February 1998*

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**Essential Record** – This designation identifies records that are essential for the continuity and restoration of agency operations after a disaster, serve as primary documentation of an agency's legal authority and responsibilities, or protects the rights of clients, property owners, students or other individuals.

## ASSESSMENT – PERSONAL PROPERTY - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – February 1998



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: Cliff Whipple



For the State Archivist: David Owens

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: ASSESSMENT – PERSONAL PROPERTY

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-03C

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	ASSESSMENT ROLLS	OFM	County Treasurer has primary copy	County Assessor – 3 years – <b>See remarks</b>	AS01-03C-01	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
2	PERSONAL PROPERTY AFFIDAVITS	OPR	6 years	None	AS01-03C-02	
3	PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION DOCUMENTATION FILES Includes specialized services, leased equipment, mobile homes, and businesses with multiple locations. Documentation used for setting values for each account, and supporting property affidavit record.	OFM	6 years	None	AS01-03C-03	
4	FOREIGN CORPORATIONS REPORTS	OFM	Secretary of State has primary copy	County Assessor- Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03C-04	

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# COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## ASSESSMENT – REAL PROPERTY *Approved February 1998*

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## ASSESSMENT – REAL PROPERTY - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – February 1998



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For the State Auditor: Cliff Whipple



For the State Archivist: David Owens

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: ASSESSMENT – REAL PROPERTY

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-03B

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	ASSESSMENT ROLLS	OFM	County Treasurer has primary copy	County Assessor - 3 years - See remarks	AS01-03B-01	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
2	DEEDS AND REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS	OFM	County Auditor has primary copy	County Assessor - 1 month	AS01-03B-02	
3	OPEN SPACE, FOREST, AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION APPLICATIONS, NOTICES, AND VALUE SUMMARIES, IF <u>ASSESSOR</u> HAS PRIMARY COPY	OPR	Change of use plus 6 years - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-03B-03	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
4	OPEN SPACE, FOREST, AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION APPLICATIONS, NOTICES, AND VALUE SUMMARIES, IF <u>AUDITOR</u> HAS PRIMARY COPY	OFM	Change of use plus 6 years - Potential archival value - See remarks	County Assessor - Change of use plus 1 year	AS01-03B-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
5	REAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL STATEMENT	OFM	Until superseded	None	AS01-03B-05	
6	REAL PROPERTY EXCISE TAX AFFIDAVITS	OFM	Department of Revenue, County Treasurer have primary copy	County Assessor - 1 month	AS01-03B-06	
7	REAL PROPERTY RECORD CARD / PROPERTY REFERENCE RECORDS Often includes photographs and drawings. Also known as property folios.	OFM	Until superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	None	AS01-03B-07	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
8	TIMBER CRUISE ASSESSMENTS / BOOKS, INVENTORIES, APPRAISAL SUMMARIES, AND MAPS	OFM	Potential archival value - See remarks	None	AS01-03B-08	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.

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# COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – *Approved February 1998*

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## ASSESSMENT – REAL PROPERTY - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – February 1998



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: Cliff Whipple



For the State Archivist: David Owens

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-06C

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
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1	ANNEXATION FILES - BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	OPR	Board of Equalization - PERMANENT - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when maps and reference files are updated	AS01-06C-01	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
2	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION APPEAL CASE TRANSCRIPT Used to formulate an answer to an appeal	OFM	Board of Equalization - 6 years*	Destroy after settlement of appeal	AS01-06C-02	*If Assessor retains the primary copy of appeal transcripts for the Board, the retention period is 6 years.
3	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES	OFM	Board of Equalization - PERMANENT* Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy after settlement of appeal	AS01-06C-03	*If the Assessor retains the primary copy for the Board, the retention is permanent. Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.

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# COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## ELECTRONIC INFORMATION - *Revised July 2001*

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## ELECTRONIC INFORMATION - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee - July, 2001



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: George Geyer



The State Archivist: Phillip Coombs

Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Schedule Title: ELECTRONIC INFORMATION - GENERAL

<b>DATA AND INPUT DOCUMENTATION</b>	
<b>DATABASE AND SPREADSHEET DATA</b> <b>FINDING AIDS AND INDEXES (USER WORKING COPY)</b> <b>INPUT DOCUMENTS</b> <b>WORD PROCESSING FILES</b>	Primary record copies of completed drafts and documents should be filed with the appropriate records series and retained in hard copy or electronic form according to the minimum retention periods approved by the Local Records Committee for those records series. User and other secondary copies should be retained until obsolete or superseded. The appropriate Disposition Authority Number (DAN) should be referenced when documenting the disposal of public record information regardless of the medium or format in which they are stored.
<b>ELECTRONIC MAIL</b>	
<p>Electronic mail (E-mail) is primarily a communication system. Individual E-mail messages may be public records with legally mandated retention requirements, or may be information with no retention value. E-mail messages are public records when they are created or received in the transaction of public business and retained as evidence of official policies, actions, decisions, or transactions. Such messages must be identified, filed, and retained just like records in other formats.</p> <p>Currently few E-mail systems are designed to categorize and retain information. E-mail messages with public record content should be retained in E-mail format only as long as they are being worked on or distributed. Upon completion, E-mail messages containing public record information should be printed out or transferred to an electronic document management system, filed with the appropriate record series, and retained for the minimum retention period assigned by the Local Government General Records Retention Schedule or a records retention schedule approved specifically for the agency by the Local Records Committee.</p>	
<b>E-mail messages which are usually public records and must meet records retention requirements before being destroyed:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Policy and Procedure Directives</li><li>2. Correspondence or memoranda related to official public business</li><li>3. Agendas and minutes of meetings</li><li>4. Documents relating to legal or audit issues</li><li>5. Messages which document agency actions, decisions, operations and responsibilities</li><li>6. Documents that initiate, authorize or complete a business transaction</li><li>7. Drafts of documents that are circulated for comment or approval</li><li>8. Final reports or recommendations</li><li>9. Appointment calendars</li><li>10. E-mail distribution lists</li><li>11. Routine information requests</li><li>12. Other messages sent or received that relate to the transaction of local government business</li></ol>	<b>E-mail Messages Which Are Usually Administrative Materials with No Retention Value:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information-only copies, or extracts of documents distributed for reference or convenience, such as announcements or bulletins</li><li>2. Phone message slips that do not contain information that may constitute a public record</li><li>3. Copies of published materials</li><li>4. Informational copies</li><li>5. Preliminary drafts</li><li>6. Routing slips</li><li>7. Transmittals (Letters/memos)</li></ol> <p><b>See e-mail guidelines in the records management section of this manual.</b></p>

**Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**Schedule Title: ELECTRONIC INFORMATION - SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION**

**DISPOSITION AUTHORITY: GS50-06A**

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	DATA PROCESSING FEASIBILITY STUDIES May include any or all of the following: problem identification; requirements statement; system objectives; alternative proposals; cost/benefit analysis; feasibility statement.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-01	
2	ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM AND SOFTWARE BACKUP DATA Tapes, discs, and media providing backup data that is revised and recreated in a regular cycle. <b>ESSENTIAL RECORD</b> - Backup should be stored off site.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded – as determined by office of record	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-02	In order to protect the physical security and accessibility of information for the duration of its retention requirement, backup tapes must be stored off-site in a temperature and humidity controlled environment.
3	ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DESIGN DOCUMENTATION May include any or all of the following: General description of design, including system review if applicable, system definition; project work plan; design detail, including documentation plan, program specifications, special forms and requirements; development plans for testing, training, conversion, and acceptance. <b>ESSENTIAL RECORD</b> - Needs security backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OFM	Fiscal/accounting systems - termination plus 3 years All other systems - Until all record data produced by the system pass their approved retention periods	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-03	Source document microfilming is not recommended for this purpose. This records series should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the locations of other copies inside or outside the agency.
4	ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCUMENTATION May include any or all of the following: System or program change authorization, description of changes, or acceptance testing.	OFM	Fiscal/accounting systems, termination plus 3 years All other systems - Until all record data produced by the system pass their approved retention periods	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-04	Source document microfilming is not recommended for this purpose.
5	ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM OPERATIONAL DATA Summaries of throughput statistics, usage figures, and work output measurements, input edit listings, and system access logs.	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-05	
6	ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM POST IMPLEMENTATION REVIEWS Project and personnel evaluations, further recommendations.	OFM	Until termination of system or program use	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-06	

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7	ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION DATA Operational and user instructions, specification and system acceptance criteria. <b>ESSENTIAL RECORD</b> - Needs security backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OFM	Fiscal/accounting systems - termination plus 3 years All other systems - Until all record data produced by the system pass their approved retention periods	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06A-07	Source document microfilming is not recommended for this purpose. This records series should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the locations of other copies inside or outside the agency.
8	YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE PROJECTS DOCUMENTATION May include program management plans, meeting documentation, project planning, assessment, conversion, test planning and results, implementation, contingency plans, and certification records.	OPR	Termination of project and/or contract plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06G-01	

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## EXEMPTIONS - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – February 1998



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: Cliff Whipple



For the State Archivist: David Owens

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: EXEMPTIONS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-04

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1	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION LETTERS	OFM	Department of Revenue has primary copy	1 year	AS01-04-02	
2	EXEMPT PARCEL LOG	OFM	Until last entry is void	None	AS01-04-03	
3	EXEMPTIONS LISTS	OFM	Until superseded	None	AS01-04-04	
4	NON-PROFIT EXEMPTIONS AND CLAIMS FILE Includes applications approved or denied.	OPR	Until void plus 6 years	None	AS01-04-04	
5	REMODELING ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL – 30% Includes applications.	OPR	6 years	None	AS01-04-01	
6	SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTIONS Includes applications.	OPR	6 years from first tax year	None	AS01-04-04	
7	SENIOR CITIZENS TAX DEFERRALS	OPR	Department of Revenue has primary copy	Deferral plus 6 years	AS01-04-04	
8	TAX DEFERRALS Includes applications.	OPR	Termination plus 6 years	Department of Revenue has other copy	AS01-04-04	

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# COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

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## GOVERNING COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS - INCLUSIVE Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – July 2001



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: George Geyer



The State Archivist: Phillip Coombs

**Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**Schedule Title: GOVERNING COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

**DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-05A**

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING, POSTING, AND PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICES	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-20	
2	AGENCY CHARTERS Official, adopted charter defining scope of the agency and its rights, responsibilities, and authority.  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security microfilm backup - See remarks.	OPR	PERMANENT - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-01	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
3	AGENDA REQUESTS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-02	
4	AGENDAS/BRIEFS/PACKETS Council, Commission, or Board Member Agendas/Briefs/Packets	OFM	3 years - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-03	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.
5	ANNUAL REPORTS ADOPTED May also include annual messages of chief executive officer.	OPR	PERMANENT as adopted - 1 copy archival - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.
6	APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMISSIONERS, BOARD MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, OR OTHER AGENCY OFFICIALS	OPR	PERMANENT (in council, commission, or board minutes)	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-05	
7	AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDINGS OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Magnetic sound or video recording of governing council, commission, or board proceedings that may be used to prepare minutes.	OPR	6 years OR 1 year if transcribed, and transcription is approved – See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-06	Due to the limited life span of magnetic recordings, this records series cannot serve as a permanent record of the official proceedings. Verbatim accounts of meetings are often required as evidence in court proceedings involving decisions, which result in ordinances, resolutions, or official policy.
8	CHARTER HISTORY FILES Includes past, current, and proposed charters that will provide background and historical reference for county charter review.	OFM	Agency option - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-07	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.

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9	FRANCHISES  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security microfilm backup - See remarks.	OPR	Termination or withdrawal plus 6 years - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-10	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
10	GOALS & OBJECTIVES WORKING FILE	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-11	
11	INDEXES TO MINUTES, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS  ESSENTIAL RECORD – Needs security microfilm backup - See remarks.	OFM	PERMANENT - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-12	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
12	MINUTES OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS APPROVED AND SIGNED Includes all referenced and attached documents.  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security microfilm backup - See remarks.	OPR	PERMANENT - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-13	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
13	OATHS OF OFFICE  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security microfilm backup - See remarks.	OPR	PERMANENT	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-15	This records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.

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14	ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS <b>ESSENTIAL RECORD</b> - Needs security microfilm backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR	PERMANENT - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-16	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
15	PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL, COMMISSION, OR BOARD	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-17	
16	RECORDS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS May include verbatim agenda, minutes, transcripts, speaker sign up, written testimony, and official notices. <b>ESSENTIAL RECORD</b> - Needs security microfilm backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR	PERMANENT - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-18	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. The information in this records series should be protected from loss or damage by storage of a security microfilm backup at the State Archives. Security microfilm must meet Washington State Archives technical standards.
17	SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS	OPR	6 years - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-08	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.
18	TRANSCRIPTIONS OF AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS	OPR	6 years – Potential archival value – <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-05A-21	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.

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**Schedule Title: LEGAL COUNSEL**

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1	ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS	OFM	Attorney General - PERMANENT	Destroy when obsolete or superseded.	GS53-02-01	
2	BOND PROJECT FILES – LEGAL COUNSEL Contract, correspondence and other legal documents for bond projects (conduit & non-conduit).	OPR	6 years after redemption of project or building bonds	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS53-02-06	
3	LEGAL ISSUES/ADVICE FILES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS53-02-05	
4	LEGAL OPINIONS Official interpretations made by agency attorney regarding questions of legal rights or liabilities affecting the agency or any of its departments and offices.	OPR	PERMANENT - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS53-02-03	Contact your Regional Archivist before destroying original record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.
5	LITIGATION CASE FILES Documentation of a civil suit by the agency against another party or defense of the agency and/or agency employee against suit by another party.	OFM	Agency Record Copy - Case closed plus 10 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	GS53-02-04	Primary copies of official court documents are held permanently by the Clerk of Superior Court, or 10 years by the District or Municipal Court Administrator. Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.

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**Schedule Title: MAIL SERVICES**

**DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-06D**

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	BULK MAILING PERMIT	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-01	
2	CERTIFIED AND REGISTERED MAIL LOG	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-02	
3	CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-03	
4	POSTAGE EXPENDITURE REPORT	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-04	
5	POSTAGE METER LICENSE	OPR	Destroy when obsolete or superseded plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-05	
6	POSTAGE METER LOG	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-06	
7	SENDERS STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF BULK MAILING	OFM	3 years	Post office has other copies	GS50-06D-07	
8	UPS REGISTER	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06D-08	

**SUPERSEDED**



# COUNTY ASSESSORS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## MAPS AND ABSTRACTS – *Approved February 1998*

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## MAPS AND ABSTRACTS - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – February 1998



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: Cliff Whipple



For the State Archivist: David Owens

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: MAPS AND ABSTRACTS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY CAS-05

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	None	AS01-05-01	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
2	APPRAISAL REFERENCE MAPS AND OVERLAYS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-02	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
3	LEVY CODE AND ANNEXATION MAPS	OFM	County Treasurer has primary copy. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-03	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
4	MAP INDEXES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	None	AS01-05-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
5	MINOR LOT LINE CHANGES / BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT OR REVISION	OFM	County Auditor has primary copy	Destroy after maps and reference records are updated	AS01-05-05	
6	PLAT OR ABSTRACT	OFM	Until disposition of last item entered - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-06	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
7	RECORDED AND UNRECORDED PLAT MAPS	OFM	County Auditor or Recorder has primary copy.	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-07	
8	SEGREGATION AND MERGER LOG	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded. Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-08	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record.
9	SEGREGATION AND MERGER ORDERS IF ASSESSOR HAS PRIMARY COPY	OPR	County Assessor - 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-09	
10	SEGREGATION AND MERGER ORDERS IF CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS PRIMARY COPY	OFM	Code enforcement agency has primary copy	Destroy after maps and reference records are updated	AS01-05-10	
11	SHORT PLAT DRAWINGS	OFM	Code enforcement agency has primary copy	Destroy after data entered on maps and record cards	AS01-05-11	
12	SURVEY FILE	OFM	County Auditor has primary copy	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	AS01-05-12	

SUPERSEDED

# COUNTY AUDITOR'S GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## PERSONNEL - *Revised July 2001*

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## PERSONNEL - INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – Revised July 2001



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: George Geyer



The State Archivist: Phillip Coombs

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL- AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04C

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT)-REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, SECTION 504 CLAIM AND ACCOMMODATION FILES	OPR	Completion of accommodation plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04C-01	
2	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FORECASTS	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04C-02	
3	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security backup - <b>See remarks</b>	OPR	Keep until superseded plus 6 years - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04C-03	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch. This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the locations of other copies inside or outside the agency.
4	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLAINTS AND CONCILIATIONS	OPR	Resolution plus 6 years - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04C-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch subject to Equal Employment Opportunity rules and regulations.
5	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORTS	OFM	5 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04C-05	

SUPERSEDED

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL – BENEFITS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04D

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONTRACTS / POLICIES / PLANS Includes insurance, deferred compensation, health care, etc. ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR	Until superseded or coverage lapses plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04D-02	
2	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PARTICIPATION / ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR	Termination or withdrawal plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04D-03	

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL – BENEFITS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04D

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
3	MONTHLY STATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAID	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04D-04	
4	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04D-05	
5	LISTING OF PARTICIPANTS COVERED BY AGENCY HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Report submitted monthly to the agency by the provider.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04D-06	

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS 50-04E

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS – PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	OPR	Resolution plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04E-03	
2	COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FILES	OFM	Until approval of negotiated agreement - Potential archival value - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04E-04	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch subject to any restrictions provided by collective bargaining contracts and agreements.
3	UNION ORGANIZATION LISTS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04E-05	
4	UNION ARBITRATION FILES Case histories of disputes between agency and union settled through arbitration.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04E-06	

SUPERSEDED

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL – GENERAL

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04B

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION JOURNAL Account of activity pertaining to certain civil service job openings. Contains names, test scores, and an indication of whether or not the persons involved are on an eligibility list, etc.	OFM	Expiration plus 1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04A-02	Contact your Regional Archivist - one copy of each available report should be assembled for transfer to Regional Archives.
2	CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION (PASSED BUT NOT HIRED) Examinations of those applicants that are on eligibility list, but have not been hired.	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04A-03	
3	ELIGIBILITY LIST OR REGISTER List of individuals eligible to fill specific positions.	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04A-04	
4	EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES Applications filled out by persons requesting positions and test announcement information.	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04A-05	
5	APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WHEN APPLICANT IS NOT HIRED	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-01	
6	CUMULATIVE LEAVE RECORD	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-02	
7	EMPLOYEE HISTORY This record may be kept as part of item #37. May include all or some of the following: Details on employee application, start of employment, employment status, position description, job classification, evaluations, raises, criminal history and background checks, investigations, retirement or disability resulting in employment termination, and evaluation of applications of recognition of non-college credit courses. ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security backup - <b>See remarks.</b>	OFM	Termination plus 6 years - <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-03	Retention may be subject to restrictions provided by collective bargaining contracts and agreements.  May be kept as a permanent record (if considered necessary) instead of keeping the entire file. This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the location of other copies inside and outside the agency.
8	HEPATITIS B VIRUS (HBV) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) EXPOSURE REPORTS AND WAIVERS  ESSENTIAL RECORD - Needs security backup – <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR	Termination of employment plus 30 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-04	Reference 29 CFR 1910.1020. This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the location of other copies inside and outside the agency.
9	JOB DESCRIPTIONS Statement of qualifications, responsibilities, and duties of each position.	OPR	Destroy when obsolete or superseded plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-05	

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL – GENERAL

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04B

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
10	PERSONNEL FILE May include application for employment when applicant is hired; identification, criminal background checks; oaths of officials elected and appointed; bonds of officials elected and appointed; evaluation reports on job performance; investigation reports; records of employment status, position description, and job classification; citations; letters of recommendation; personal history cards. ESSENTIAL RECORD – Needs security backup – <b>See remarks.</b>	OFM	Termination plus 6 years- <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-06	Retention may be subject to restrictions provided by collective bargaining contracts and agreements.  This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the location of other copies inside and outside the agency.
11	POSITION CLASSIFICATION STUDIES Details on specific role and position of each job title, duties, obligations, etc.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-07	
12	POSITION DESCRIPTION HISTORY FILES	OPR	PERMANENT	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-08	
13	REQUESTS FOR LEAVE/OVERTIME	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-09	
14	VOLUNTEER FILES Document work history of individual volunteers as well as the agency's fulfillment of its responsibilities for each volunteer. ESSENTIAL RECORD – Needs security backup – <b>See remarks.</b>	OPR	Termination of volunteer employment plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-10	This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the location of other copies inside and outside the agency.
15	EMPLOYEE & VOLUNTEER FINGERPRINT PROCESSING LIST Listings of newly hired employees fingerprinted for criminal background checks.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-11	
16	EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS – FINAL Includes riders issued.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-12	
17	EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS – SUPERSEDED Contracts superseded within fiscal year.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-13	
18	EMPLOYEE DIRECTORY/ROSTER	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded – Potential archival value – <b>See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-14	Contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record. Records from this series may be selected to be transferred to and preserved at a Regional Archives branch.
19	EMPLOYEE CORRECTIVE ACTION AND PROBATION DOCUMENTS	OPR	6 years after completion of probation or disciplinary action, or destroy according to the provisions of collective bargaining contracts and agreements	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-15	

SUPERSEDED

Schedule Applicable to: ALL COUNTY ASSESSORS

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL – GENERAL

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04B

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
20	EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW EVALUATION FILES Includes test results.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-16	
21	EMPLOYMENT REQUISITION / PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST May contain position specifications, needs analysis, and authorization signatures.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-17	
22	JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS OR POSTINGS	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-18	
23	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FILES Quarterly reports, contracts, RFPs.	OFM	4 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-19	
24	EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION PROGRAM FILES Original suggestion forms, evaluation forms, recommendation form, and correspondence to document and process employee suggestion files.	OFM	3 years after determination of suggestion	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-20	
25	IDENTIFICATION BADGE RECORDS FOR CONTRACT AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES Photo ID badges and supporting paperwork to track badges issued to contract and temporary employees.	OFM	1 year	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-21	
26	RECRUITMENT FILES Documents recruitment and selection process for each advertised position, including newspaper announcement, job description, working papers/notes, applicant list, interview questions and notes, selection documents, and employee applications.	OFM	2 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-22	
27	TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKER ACCOUNTS Tracks temporary agency workers hired using original request forms moved to individual departments.	OFM	Termination of employment plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-23	
28	VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS	OPR	Termination of volunteer employment plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-24	
29	WHISTLEBLOWER INVESTIGATION REPORTS Agency copies of investigations of allegations of fraud or violations of state laws or regulations.	OPR	Case closed plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-25	
30	EMPLOYEE HEALTH HISTORY FILES Documentation of physical examinations and tests, which verify that individual employees meet the physical condition requirements established in their terms of employment.	OPR	Termination of employment plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-26	
31	DRUG TEST RESULTS (AGENCY EMPLOYEES)	OPR	Termination of employment plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-27	

SUPERSEDED



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DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04B

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
32	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUPERVISOR REFERRAL DOCUMENTATION Documentation of referrals and completion of treatment by employees referred to the Employee Assistance Program by their supervisors to resolve work-related problems.	OPR	Termination of employment plus 6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-27	
33	SUPERVISOR'S EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE BACKGROUND FILE	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-28	
34	WORK ASSIGNMENT RECORD, SCHEDULE OR LOG Documentation of day-to-day tasks or projects assigned to and/or completed by individual staff or crews.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04B-29	

Schedule Title: PERSONNEL – TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-04G

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	EMPLOYEE TRAINING HISTORY FILE Files documenting the training history of individual employees who have participated in training and staff development programs. May include in-service and class registrations, confirmations, and documentation of training completed.	OPR	6 years after termination of employment	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04G-01	
2	TRAINING/CLASS COMPLETION REPORT Listings of employees and the classes or training exercises that have been completed. Produced on a periodic basis.	OFM	3 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04G-02	
3	TRAINING AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTICES	ORM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-04G-03	

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## RECORDS MANAGEMENT- INCLUSIVE

Approved by the Washington State Local Records Committee – Revised July 2001



For the Attorney General: Brian Buccholz



For the State Auditor: George Geyer



The State Archivist: Phillip Coombs

Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Schedule Title: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-09

SERIES NO.	RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF SERIES	OPR or OFM	OFFICE OR DIVISION LOCATION AND MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD		DISPOSITION AUTHORITY NUMBER (DAN)	SPECIAL AND/OR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS
			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
1	FILES CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-12	
2	GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE Records retention schedules issued by the Local Records Committee that provide all agencies with continuing authorization for disposition of commonly held records.	OFM	Local Records Committee - PERMANENT	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-01	
3	PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUEST FILES Formal request submitted by individuals for access to agency records.	OPR	Current year plus 1 year <b>-See remarks</b>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-04	Records Committee reduced the retention from 6 years per RCW 40.14.060 (b) on 8/30/01.
4	PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUEST LOGS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-13	
5	PUBLIC RECORDS DESTRUCTION AFFIDAVITS Listings of records series destroyed at specific times, including inclusive dates or inclusive numbers, signed by agency representative witnessing destruction.	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-05	
6	PUBLIC RECORDS DESTRUCTION LOG  <i>ESSENTIAL RECORD</i> – Needs security backup – See remarks.	OPR	<del>PERMANENT</del>	<del>Destroy when obsolete or superseded</del>	<del>GS50-09-06</del>	<del>This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the locations of other copies inside or outside the agency.</del>
7	PUBLIC RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE AND DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION Continuing authorities for the disposition of public records approved specifically for the agency by the Local Records Committee.	OPR	<del>Local Records Committee - PERMANENT</del>	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-07	The Local Records Committee recommends a retention period of 6 years after disposition of the last records series listed on the schedule.
8	RECORDS CENTER TRANSMITTALS, INVENTORIES, AND INDEXES  <i>ESSENTIAL RECORD</i> - Needs security backup - See remarks.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-08	This record should be protected from damage or loss by off-site storage of a security copy, or by keeping a list that identifies the locations of other copies inside or outside the agency.
9	RECORDS DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION (OFFICE OF RECORD) Document signed by the office of record allowing the destruction of specific records	OPR	6 years	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-10	
10	RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULES - INTERNAL Internal working guides abstracted from approved records retention schedules or approved general records retention schedules.	OFM	Destroy when superseded or revised	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-02	

Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Schedule Title: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-09

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			PRIMARY RECORD COPY	SECONDARY RECORD COPY		
11	RECORDS RETRIEVAL REQUEST AND CIRCULATION DOCUMENTATION Documentation of materials pulled from and/or returned to records storage center.	OFM	Keep until materials returned to records center	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-09-11	

**SUPERSEDED**

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