

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICTS GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

Records Category: PUBLIC INFORMATION/RELATIONS

The following general records retention schedule sets minimum retention requirements and provides local government agencies 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 agencies of local government. 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.

In some cases, the primary copy of a records series may be held by another agency/office. In those cases, use the retention period for secondary copies.

General records retention schedule listings for some records series include special designations and disposition instructions, including:


Official Public Records (OPR) are those records identified and required by statute that document legal actions or transactions and/or fiscally or financially obligates the law office. All other records are Office Files and Memoranda (OFM) as defined in RCW 40.14.010.

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 make arrangements 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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/RELATIONS - 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: PUBLIC INFORMATION/RELATIONS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-06F

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	BIOGRAPHICAL FILES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-01	Please 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.
2	HISTORICAL FILES OF THE AGENCY	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-02	Please 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	INFORMATIONAL REPORTS COMPILED FOR AGENCY USE	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-03	Please 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.
4	MASTER FILE OF AGENCY PUBLICATIONS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remark	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-04	Please 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.
5	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-05	Please 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.
6	PHOTOGRAPHS, AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIAL Photographic negatives and prints may be held at Regional Archives for permanent preservation and security backup - See remarks.	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-06	Please contact your Regional Archivist before disposing of this record or to discuss transfer for permanent preservation and security backup.
7	PRESS RELEASES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-07	Please 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.

Schedule Applicable to: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Schedule Title: PUBLIC INFORMATION/RELATIONS

DISPOSITION AUTHORITY GS50-06F

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		
8	SCRAPBOOKS AND ALBUMS	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-08	Please 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.
9	SPEECHES	OFM	Destroy when obsolete or superseded - Potential archival value - See remarks	Destroy when obsolete or superseded	GS50-06F-09	Please 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.