Records Management Advice

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Using Records Retention Schedules:

Which Retention Schedules Do County **Treasurers Use?**

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

County Treasurers need to use the following records retention schedules:

1. Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE)

This schedule covers records that are commonly created/received by most government agencies (including County Treasurer offices), such as records relating to:

- Audits
- Board meetings
- Contracts and agreements
- Customer comments
- Facilities management
- Financial transactions and accounting
- Grants/bonds
- Human resources

- Information systems/technology
- Internal reporting
- Legal affairs
- Marketing and promotion
- Media coverage
- Payroll
- Planning files
- Policies and procedures
- Public records requests

Records with minimal retention value (transitory records) are also covered in the Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE).

2. County Assessors and Treasurers Records Retention Schedule

This schedule covers records relating to the collection and management of the public funds of the county and other functions, such as records related to:

- Distraint of personal property
- Improvement district records
- Payments under protest
- Petitions for refund

- Real estate excise tax affidavits
- Tax adjustments
- Tax rolls
- Tax titles

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