

What is WAMAS?

WAMAS is a set of tools that allow users to **accurately format and locate an address**. Addresses are used throughout all levels of governments to **contact customers & voters, determine sales tax, investigate tax fraud, and respond to emergencies, place sex offenders** and more.



WAMAS points used to correct addresses.

Did you know that the population in Washington grew by over 100,000 people in 2015? And over 34,400 housing units were added in 2015 alone? That's a lot of new citizens and addresses. This trend is expected to continue annually well into 2040.

Why WAMAS?

"We are finding that when addresses change with an annexation and residents try to update their driver's license, the DMV does not have the latest addresses...this just makes the process all the more frustrating for residents."

~ Clark County Government

*Detecting circumstances that may indicate exposure of vulnerable persons to sex offenders by **linking addresses** of vulnerable client and sex offenders. ~ Department Social and Health Services*

Correctly locate 6 million addresses vehicle registration "homes" to tie back to Vehicle Miles Traveled for tax purposes. ~ Legislative and Transportation Commissions

Safety First

You don't *want* to need help, but when you do, you want it fast. **E911 & NextGen 9-1-1** uses addresses and X, Y coordinates to get to you quickly. When disaster strikes, such as the Oso Landslide, Emergency Services use addresses to determine how many supplies are needed and where. Did you know that addresses are also used to determine proximity of hydrants and fire departments for insurance calculations? Or used to monitor exposure of vulnerable people to sex offenders? Even pipeline safety and public railroads crossings in our communities use addresses—WAMAS is an integral part of these solutions.



Protecting our State's Natural Resources

Fish may not have addresses, but people wanting to complete projects in and around water sure do. The *Department of Fish and Wildlife* integrates WAMAS into their permitting system (APPS) that handles 2,400—2,800 applications per year. WDFW also uses addresses from WAMAS to track their facility locations such as hatcheries and water access sites. WAMAS can also determine associated geography for an address including X,Y coordinates, and watersheds—useful in protecting these valuable resources.



The *Department of Ecology* is also using WAMAS to track core business features such as regulated facilities, environmental monitoring locations and permit applications. Our communities depend on Ecology to make policy and enforcement decisions based on accurately located data. WAMAS provides confidence that the data is in the right place.

Money Matters

Addresses figure into money matters. Census 2020 is right around the corner and *Office of Finance Management* is using WAMAS. Addresses are used to determine population estimates and calculating how much money local governments receive from federal sources to support schools, social services and more. Miscalculate addresses and it could cost real money... for the next ten years.

Tax liabilities are determined based on where your business is located. The *Department of Revenue* integrates WAMAS into systems for calculating taxes—so you pay what you owe, no more - no less.

Citizen Services and Engagement

Perhaps the most obvious use of addresses is for mailing letters and packages. WAMAS standardizes addresses and formats them for mailing (CASS certified).

Thurston Regional Planning Council uses WAMAS to format and remove duplicate addresses for large mailings. WAMAS has even been used to update zip code boundaries.

Need to talk to your State representatives? *Legislative Services* uses WAMAS over 100,000 times per year to help put citizens in contact with their representative—it is based on your address. How are jury pools determined? You guessed it—Washington State Courts also uses WAMAS.

Department of Health use WAMAS. Addresses are required for medical license renewal; Birth and Death records; WIC resources and supporting epidemiological research and tracking.



How Will YOU Use WAMAS?

You may already be using WAMAS—As you can see, it is integrated into many standard functions within government! Partner with us to standardize addresses and help our communities—Contact us today. **[Find yourself with WAMAS!](#)**



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