

Port Package Update Program News!

Understanding your sound insulation system and the new pilot program



If you own a home in Burien, Des Moines, Kent or SeaTac, and have a sound insulation system (called a **Port Package**), you may be experiencing problems such as mold and water damage to your windows, doors and ceilings. You may have also heard about a new update program from the Port of Seattle and wonder what it might mean for you.

On February 27, 2024 the Port of Seattle Commission ordered the creation of a Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program. At the same time, State law [SB5955](#) was also created to help fund and monitor the program.

Here is what we know so far...

The first thing to know is that this program is not running yet. There is nowhere to apply and nothing for you to do today because first the program has to be designed. That will take time. We will let everyone on our list know as soon as any new information is made available.

The Port intends to assess all 9,400 homes that received Port Packages, create a system to prioritize homes for repair, what repairs need to be done, and who goes first. And they mean to do all that by December 31, 2024. The plan would then be to begin work on at least some eligible homes in 2025. To do that, they have allocated \$5,000,000. The State plans to contribute another \$1,000,000.

To put this into perspective, a totally new Port Package, costs over \$100,000. Of course, most updates will not cost nearly that much. But this pilot program has nowhere enough money to do every home. So this evaluation and prioritization phase will be *critical* to insuring that every homeowner is treated fairly.

Remember that this is a pilot program. Your home may not be fixed right away. But it is in *everyone's* interest that this pilot program is run well, both by the Port and the State. **The ultimate goal is to obtain funding from the Federal government to get every home fixed.** This pilot program is the *audition*.

Who we are. How we can help...

[Sea-Tac Noise.Info](#) is a community organization with no connection to the Port of Seattle. We've spent seven years documenting problem Port Packages, helping to create this new program, and get these laws passed.

Our goal is to make sure that all 9,400 homeowners are well-informed, that every home is properly evaluated for eligibility, and every eligible home ultimately receives a just settlement.

We do not advise homeowners to simply wait for the Port to come to you. Frankly, that is a big reason the original Port Package program ended up with the problems you are now experiencing.

If you have any Port Package problems, we encourage you to join over 1,000 homeowners and contact [Sea-Tac Noise.Info](#). We can do a very short site visit, identify problems you may not see—especially with indoor air quality, and help you gather the paperwork and history of your sound insulation system. The more homes we reach, the better educated you are, the easier it will be to insure that everyone gets the healthy and safe sound insulation system we all deserve.

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