

Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.



Prevent Flooding Adopt a Drain

Don't let fall rainstorms flood your street. Help clear your local storm drain of leaves and other debris by participating in Fall Clean – part of our year-round Adopt-A-Drain Program.

Every autumn Seattle Public Utilities faces a big job keeping storm drains clear. As a way to involve residents and keep the water flowing, the utility sponsors Fall Clean – a one-month event in November that supports volunteers with free gloves, bags, brooms, rakes, and safety vests, as well as help with leaf disposal.

Go to www.seattle.gov/util/adoptadrain or call 206-233-7187 to get signed up today!



Get Help with Your Bill

Did you know that you could get 50 percent off your Seattle Public Utilities bills for the next 18 months? Only income-qualified customers are eligible. For example, if you're a family of four, making less than \$4,819 a month, you may qualify. Go to www.seattle.gov/mybill to get started, or call 206-684-0268.

Residents living in federally subsidized housing, including SHA (Seattle Housing Authority), Section 8, and KCHA (King County Housing Authority) are not eligible.



Get a Free Water-saving Toilet

Save even more on your utility bill. Only income-qualified customers are eligible. For example, if you're a family of four, making less than \$4,819 a month, you may qualify. Properties must also be located within Seattle Public Utilities' service area and must have existing toilets installed before 1994. Installation and recycling of your old toilet are also provided free of charge. For more information, visit www.seattle.gov/util and search "low income toilet" or call 206-448-5751.



100 Free Electronic Kitchen Scales!

If you are willing to weigh and categorize your food waste for 3 months (January – March, 2013), Seattle Public Utilities will give you a free electronic kitchen scale. 100 kitchen scales are available for participants in this study! We want to find out what kinds of food people are disposing, and in what quantities. Interested? Call 206-233-7198 and leave your name, phone number and e-mail address. We'll notify selected participants by November 15.



Did you know that during intense rain, flooding may occur without warning? Here are a few steps you can take to keep your family and property safe.

Clear leaves and debris away from street drains in your neighborhood with a rake or broom (only if it's safe). Don't put grass clippings, leaves, or other debris into drains, ditches, creeks, culverts, gutters or ravines. If a storm drain appears blocked below the street surface, call 206-386-1800.

- Collect fallen leaves and deposit them in your food and yard waste container or compost them.
 - Clean gutters and downspouts twice a year.
 - Build a family emergency kit. Keep enough water, food and other supplies (flashlights, crank or battery-operated radio, blankets) in your home to meet your needs for at least three days.
 - Have a family disaster plan.
 - Stay out of flooding basements.
 - Protect water pipes from freezing in exposed or unheated areas (attics, basements and garages) by wrapping with tape and insulating materials.
- For more tips on how to prepare for winter storms, visit www.takewinterbystorm.org.



Explore the Watershed Year-round

The Cedar River Watershed Education Center is now open for weekends year-round! Come visit the center, located a short 30-minute drive east of Seattle, and discover the primary source of the greater Seattle area's drinking water. Free exhibits, rain drums, special programs, and a variety of trails for all abilities make the watershed an exciting place to visit for a few hours, or for the whole day. Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (closes at 4:00 p.m. November – March), closed Holidays and Thanksgiving weekend. For directions and more information, visit www.seattle.gov/util/crvec or call 206-733-9421.

Protecting Seattle's Waterways – The Duwamish River

The Duwamish—Seattle's only river— supports shipping and industry while providing a resource for fishing and recreation. However, 20th century industrial activity has hurt this asset in our backyard. This January, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will release a plan for the river's long-term cleanup. Seattle Public Utilities and others will play a part in this and we'll want your opinion on the plan.

What can I do to protect the Duwamish River and all our waterways?

After the cleanup, keeping the Duwamish River clean will be a shared challenge. One of the biggest threats is stormwater—rain water that carries pollutants from our roads, roofs, and yards via storm drains to our waterways. About 8,900 acres of Seattle drain to the Duwamish. Seattle Public Utilities has a number of free opportunities where you can take action.

Stencil a Storm Drain.

Only rain should be going down our storm drains. Get a free stencil kit from us and paint the important message: Dump No Waste Drains to Stream, Lake or Bay. Call 206-684-7624 to get started.

Auto Leaks Classes: Fix that leak! Oil and water don't mix!

Join the experts at South Seattle Community College's Automotive Technology Program for a FREE auto leaks class – a \$45 value! Watch our video and hear what past participants have to say: www.youtube.com/FixOilLeaks. Classes are offered on September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited. To register: e-mail idris.beauregard@seattle.gov or call 206-684-3056.

Use a Commercial Car Wash.

Washing your car on the street or driveway sends soap and grime into the nearest storm drain. That pollution goes into a local creek, lake or Puget Sound, and harms fish and wildlife. Instead, take your car to a commercial car wash like Brown Bear Car Wash that reclaims the wash water several times before sending it to the sewer system for treatment.

Learn more ways Seattle Public Utilities is protecting and restoring Seattle's waterways at www.seattle.gov/RestoreOurWaters.

Bert's Car Wash Coupon

Free! Car Wash

Thank you for choosing the best salmon-friendly way to clean your car.

As recognition, this coupon is good for one (1) free Bear Essentials at any Brown Bear tunnel location.

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Stop Unwanted Catalogs BEFORE They Arrive

Seems like the holiday season starts earlier every year. That means you may already be getting catalogs in the mail for products you have no interest in – and wouldn't buy for anyone on your gift list! It's not too late to stop unwanted catalogs and other advertising mail at the source. Just visit the www.seattle.gov/stopjunkmail web page and see how easy it is to slow that gusher of waste paper. You'll be joining nearly 25,000 Seattle residents and businesses that have used the service to save paper equal to 10,000 trees.

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