





## Damaged Clothes Aren't Garbage Anymore Give ALL your clothes, shoes and linens for reuse or recycling

Sadly torn, badly worn or even stained items are now taken by most large collectors in our area, so long as they're not wet, mildewed, or contaminated with hazardous materials.

Many other items can be given in any condition, including stuffed animals, purses, belts, and other accessories. Even single shoes, socks and gloves that are normally paired-up can be matched with other "singles" and worn by people who otherwise would not have those items to wear.

Damaged clothes and linens aren't trash—they can have a second life as new products such as wiping rags; padding for carpet, mattresses and upholstery; and insulation material for automobiles and appliances.

Please do not place these items in your curbside recycling. Choose from several drop off or pick up organizations at [www.kingcounty.gov/threadcycle](http://www.kingcounty.gov/threadcycle).



## \$75 Toilet Rebates

Take advantage of a \$75 Rebate! Customers replacing pre-2004 water-guzzling toilets with the latest Premium **1.06 gallons** per flush models will receive a \$75 rebate per toilet replaced (limit 2 per household).

Find local retailers that may stock or can order 1.06 gallon per flush model toilets at [www.savingwater.org/rebates](http://www.savingwater.org/rebates) along with the list of qualifying models. Check there or call **(206) 615-1282** for complete details about the program or to download the application.



## Garden Products: How Do You Choose?



**Other garden questions?** Call the Garden Hotline, Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm at **(206) 633-0224**.

Choosing safer products and practices helps keep your family, pets, local waterways and Puget Sound safer and cleaner.

**You face a wall of gardening options.** What can you use that won't harm other living things? We can help you find safer products.

**Download the Grow Smart, Grow Safe® app for free on the App Store.™** Search over 1000 garden products ranked low, medium or high hazard based on how they affect people, pets & wildlife, water quality and aquatic life.

No iPhone? Get the same information at [www.GrowSmartGrowSafe.org](http://www.GrowSmartGrowSafe.org). A Grow Smart, Grow Safe® Android app is under development.

## THINK SPRING – In the Garden

- ✓ Act now for a beautiful yard that is easy on you and the environment!
- ✓ Mulch your garden beds after spring weeding to limit weeds and prepare for the warmer weather ahead.
- ✓ Plant new plants through mid-May; otherwise wait until fall. Use the 'right plant in the right place' for plants that thrive in your yard's conditions with less maintenance.
- ✓ If your lawn needs it, now is the time to aerate, dethatch, and overseed.
- ✓ Sharpen the blades on your mulching mower and mow high (two inches) for a better looking, healthier lawn.
- ✓ If you want to fertilize your lawn, fertilize in May with a 'natural organic' or 'slow-release' product. Don't fertilize again until September.



**MORE YARD TIPS:**  
[www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org)

**FREE ANSWERS TO YOUR GARDENING QUESTIONS:**  
**(206) 633-0224** [www.gardenhotline.org](http://www.gardenhotline.org)  
[www.facebook.com/SavvyGardenerNews](http://www.facebook.com/SavvyGardenerNews)



## Spring Clean Your Neighborhood!

**It's time for Spring Clean,** Seattle's premier community cleanup event. Seattle Public Utilities invites you and your neighbors to participate April 1—May 31. Help pick up litter, stencil storm drains, paint out graffiti, or remove invasive plants in your community. All Spring Clean projects are on public property. Volunteers receive free litter cleanup bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal permits.

**REGISTER ONLINE OR BY PHONE:**  
[www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean](http://www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean) **(206) 233-7187**

## Don't Drip and Drive: Fix That Leak!

**Attend a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop – a \$125 value!**

Get your car inspected by a certified mechanic. Find out if you have any leaks and identify the source of the leaks. A leaky car isn't reliable, and it's harmful to Puget Sound. Learn more at [www.seattle.gov/util/AutoLeaks](http://www.seattle.gov/util/AutoLeaks).

Classes are from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Choose from these dates at South Seattle College in West Seattle:

- ▶ May 16, June 13, July 18
- ▶ New! Spanish Language Class: April 18.

**EMAIL OR CALL TO REGISTER:**  
[SPU\\_EPTResources@seattle.gov](mailto:SPU_EPTResources@seattle.gov)  
**(206) 615-1222**

## Size Matters

**Did you know?**

- ✓ There is no charge for extra recycling. If your cart gets full, you can put extra recycling next to your cart in a sturdy bin, box or 32-gal. can.
- ✓ Homeowners have five garbage can sizes to choose from. From 10 gal. to 96 gal. cans, you save more on your garbage bill when you compost and recycle more.
- ✓ Residents have their choice of three food & yard cart sizes: 13 gal, 32 gal and 96 gal. Food and yard waste is picked up weekly, so you might consider downsizing to a smaller, easier to manage cart if your current cart isn't very full.

**TO CHANGE A CAN SIZE:**  
[www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util)  
**(206) 684-3000**