



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

TAKE WINTER BY STORM

TakeWinterByStorm.org

Are You Ready for Winter?

Windstorms, heavy rains, snow and ice are all part of our Northwest winter. By being prepared before the rains fall, the winds blow, and the rivers rise, you and your family will weather whatever Mother Nature throws our way. Here are a few things you can do now to get ready:

- Create a family emergency kit. Include enough water, food, and other supplies (flashlights, crank or battery-operated radio, blankets) to meet your family's needs for at least three days.
- Clear leaves and debris away from storm drains to prevent street flooding in your neighborhood. If a storm drain appears to be blocked below the surface, call Seattle Public Utilities' Operations Response Center at 206-386-1800.
- Have a certified arborist check the health of any large trees in your yard.
- Sign up for Alert Seattle at www.alert.seattle.gov.
- Stay out of flooding basements.
- Protect water pipes in exposed or unheated areas (attics, basements, garages) from freezing by wrapping with tape and insulating materials.

For more weather preparedness tips and checklists, go to www.takewinterbystorm.org.



*Grab a rake!
Keep leaves and debris out of your neighborhood street drains to prevent flooding.*



Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular collection day falls on Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 24), your garbage, recycling, and food and yard waste will be collected the following day (Friday, Nov. 25).

To look up your collection day or report a missed collection, visit www.seattle.gov/util or call 206-684-3000.

Snow/Ice Collections

During snowy or icy weather, go to www.seattle.gov/util or check your local news to see if there are any delays in your collection. You can also follow us on social media for timely collection schedule updates.



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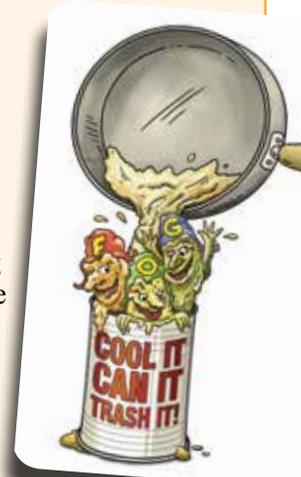


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Fight F.O.G.

Planning a big holiday meal? Fats, oils, and grease from cooking can build up in sewer pipes and cause costly blockages and backups. Help fight F.O.G. with three simple steps:

- 1. Cool it, can it, trash it**
Pour fats, oils, and grease into a disposable container. Cover the container with a lid and store it in the freezer until hardened, then toss it in the trash.
- 2. Soak up the rest**
Use a paper towel to absorb remaining fats, oils, and grease and dispose of the towel in your food and yard waste bin.
- 3. Scrape before you rinse**
Scrape food scraps off of dishes before you rinse them in the sink.

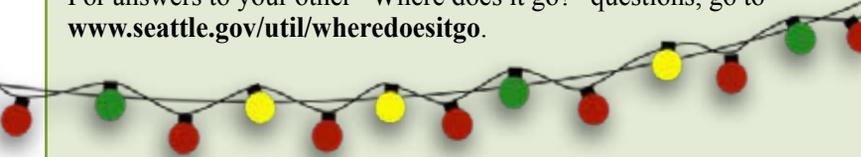


Recycle Your Holidays

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, U.S. household waste increases by 25 percent—that's about 1 million tons per week! To do your part to cut down on that extra waste, check out this list of holiday recycling tips:

- **Bubble Wrap**
Reused bubble wrap is great for storing fragile items. If you can't reuse it, bundle it together in a plastic bag, then toss it in your recycling cart.
- **Gift Wrap**
Most wrapping paper can be recycled in your home recycling cart. A little tape is fine, but remove the big pieces.
- **Holiday Lights**
During the holiday season, holiday light recycling programs take your old light strands and recycle the copper wire inside them. Find a location at www.bit.ly/recycleholidaylights.
- **Packing Peanuts**
Foam packing peanuts are not recyclable, but they are reusable. Many gift shops and shipping centers will accept clean packing peanuts free of charge to use in packaging and shipping.
- **Trees and Other Holiday Greens**
From Dec. 26–Jan. 31, holiday trees (trimmed to 6' or less) and greens can be placed curbside for pickup on your regular collection day at no extra charge. At apartments, one tree may be placed next to each food and yard waste cart at no extra charge each collection day. Trees will be composted at a facility.

For answers to your other "Where does it go?" questions, go to www.seattle.gov/util/wheredoesitgo.



See Salmon at Carkeek Park

See hundreds of chum salmon return to Piper's Creek in Carkeek Park and learn what you can do to help keep salmon habitat healthy!

Join volunteers from the Salmon Stewards program on Saturdays and Sundays, **Nov. 5–Dec. 4, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.**,

Plus, don't miss the **Piper's Creek Salmon Celebration** on **Sunday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.** There will be activities for kids, food, hot drinks and music for all to enjoy.

Questions? Email bill.malatinsky@seattle.gov, call **206-733-9697**, or visit us at www.facebook.com/CarkeekParkSalmonStewards.



Free Toilet

How old is your toilet? Old, leaky toilets can use over 5 gallons of water per flush. By replacing your old toilet with a more efficient model, you'll help conserve water and save money on your utility bill.

Seattle Public Utilities provides free water-saving toilets and installation for income-qualified homeowners. Homes must be located in Seattle and have existing toilets installed before 2004.

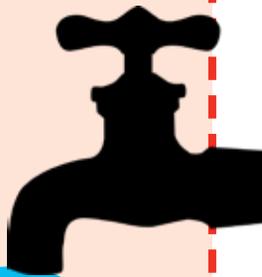
Learn more at www.savingwater.org/freetoilets or call **206-448-5751**.



Utility Discount Program

The Utility Discount Program offers a discount of about 60% on your Seattle City Light bill and 50% on your Seattle Public Utilities bill for income-qualified homeowners and renters.

To see if you qualify, go to www.seattle.gov/mybill or call **206-684-0268**.



What to Watch Now

This September the Seattle Channel watched as finishing touches were put on SPU's new North Transfer Station.

The new facility features a green roof, solar panels, and many other features you might not expect to see when planning your visit to the city dump.

Watch the video at www.bit.ly/CityStreamNTS



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