



Fish-Friendly: SPU's work to protect and restore local waterways

As part of our work to protect the environment and steward our natural resources, Seattle Public Utilities is committed to improving habitat for Chinook and other salmon species in our local waters. Here are two examples of SPU's efforts to make Seattle more salmon friendly:

After Eight Year Hiatus, Chinook Salmon Return to SPU Restoration Site

In late fall of 2018, for the first time in eight years, SPU staff observed a pair of Chinook salmon laying eggs (spawning) in a SPU-restored part of Seattle's Thornton Creek.

SPU's Thornton Creek Confluence project, completed in 2014, provided flood control for Seattle's Meadowbrook neighborhood and created a resilient habitat for salmon by replacing 1,000 feet of ditch streambed with a wider, engineered streambed to keep high-quality gravel in place for spawning salmon.



The recent salmon sightings indicate that SPU's restoration project is working.

"These salmon travelled almost one and a half miles to select this site for spawning," said Katherine Lynch, SPU's urban creek biologist. "That's a vote of confidence!"

Puget Sound Chinook are listed on the

Endangered Species Act and a major food source for Puget Sound's endangered resident Orca whales. Adult salmon usually return to the place they were born to spawn, so SPU hopes to see more Chinook return to Thornton Creek next year.

SPU Rescues Goldfish

Last October, SPU's Environmental Compliance team successfully rescued a pair of goldfish who had been living in a storm water catch basin near Stevens Elementary in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood.

While the fish were faring well in the catch basin, they needed to be relocated.

"Believe it or not," said Eric Autry, SPU's senior environmental compliance

inspector, "goldfish are an invasive species. Fall rains could have washed the goldfish into Lake Washington, and we want to prevent the introduction of invasive species into our local water bodies, where they can threaten native fish like Chinook and other salmon species. Plus, we could use some company around the office."

The goldfish are now swimming happily in a new, safe, clean, and loving home in SPU's Ballard Operations Building.



SPU senior environmental compliance inspector Eric Autry helps the goldfish get acclimated to their new home.

Winter Collections

Garbage, recycling, and food and yard waste collection may be delayed during snowy and icy weather. Check for collection delays at:

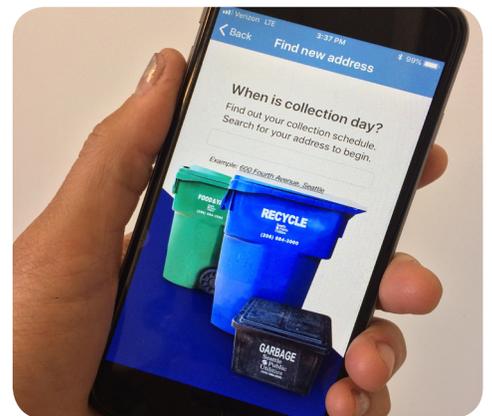
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Never forget your collection day again with SPU's new Recycle It app! Recycle It helps customers look up their collection day, sort items into the correct cart, and report solid waste service issues.



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Flooding in Your Neighborhood? Tell Us!

We want to hear from you!

Is there standing water or flooding in your neighborhood during heavy rains? Tell us about it by going to [SPUraincheck.participate.online](https://www.seattle.gov/util/raincheck) to share information about standing water near you.

SPU manages and maintains the stormwater and wastewater systems that help keep our neighborhoods and environment safe and healthy. These systems are very complex—1,400 miles of underground pipe all over the city that handle all the sewage and stormwater from in and around our homes and businesses.



SPU crews are out in the field every day taking care of Seattle's complex system of stormwater and wastewater pipes.

During heavy rains, our system can become overwhelmed, leading to backups and flooding. When flooding happens in one location, it could mean that there is a problem somewhere else in the system. In order to develop solutions and plan for the future of Seattle's drainage and wastewater systems, we need to learn more about where flooding occurs in neighborhoods throughout the city and what the causes might be.



Report urgent flooding situations to SPU's 24/7 Operations Response Center: (206) 386-1800.

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Oil and other auto fluids that leak from your car can end up in our local waterways. Join SPU for a **FREE** Auto Leaks Workshop. You'll have your car inspected, learn to find and fix leaks, and get a free maintenance check kit.

Register for upcoming workshops at www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks.

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