



Seattle
Public
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AT YOUR SERVICE

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

Focusing on Climate Change

Extreme weather events, like higher temperatures, heavier rainstorms, and sea level rise, are part of climate change and impact Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) water and waste services.

"Waste is a leading contributor of greenhouse gases in the environment, which is causing climate change and altering the water cycle. As a water and waste utility, our work is fundamentally connected to our climate."

— Andrew Lee, SPU General Manager and CEO

In response to climate change, we're focused on supporting communities and adapting how we manage our water and waste services and systems. We're also focused on supporting communities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Learn more about our climate change work and actions we're taking to be carbon neutral by 2030 at atyourservice.seattle.gov and search for **"Focusing on Climate Change"**.

Interested in Our Plans for the Future?

Visit seattle.gov/utilities/about/plans to learn more about how your drinking water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste services will look in the future.

A Win for Community and the Environment!

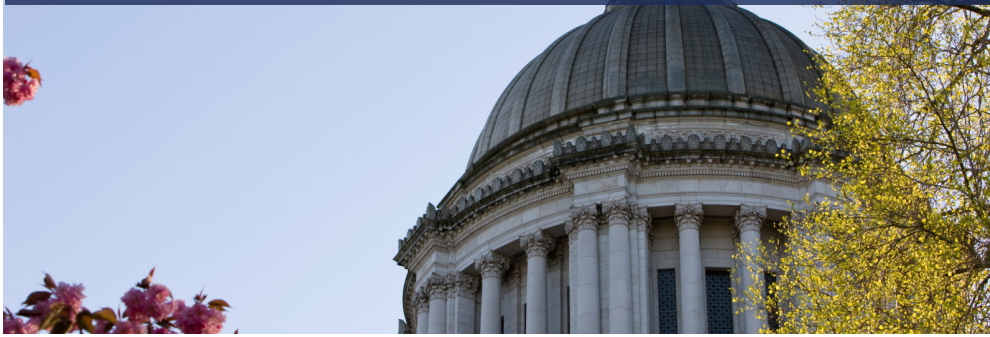


Did you know food waste is the number one material found in Seattle's garbage?

We are partnering with Safeway and other grocery stores to increase the quantity and quality of unsold but perfectly good food that is donated to local food banks and other hunger relief nonprofits.

Through food rescue work, we are helping fight food insecurity in our area and keeping food, a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, out of the landfill.

Progress on Protecting Health and Environment



We work with partners throughout the region to protect your health and the environment. Here are just a few highlights from this year's Washington State Legislative Session that will advance our work:

Making cosmetics and personal care products safer

A new bill eliminates nine toxins, including lead, mercury, and formaldehyde, which are used in cosmetics and personal care products like soap, face cleansers, and hair products by 2025.

Making battery disposal easier

When this bill takes effect in 2027, we will have a more convenient, accessible way to dispose of batteries, which reduces the risk of fires caused by improper battery disposal.

Preventing plastic pollution in our region

A new bill will reduce plastic pollution and unnecessary waste including reducing single-use plastic water bottles and phasing out mini-plastic bottles and packaging.

Saving salmon in Lake Washington

Seattle Public Utilities is committed to protecting and restoring our sockeye and chinook salmon populations. This year, we supported an effort by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to invest money into removing predatory fish that pose a threat to salmon.

Learn more, including info on how to recycle your dead batteries now, at atyourservice.seattle.gov and search "Legislative Session".

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(e.g. graffiti, illegal dumping, needles)

Customer Service (206) 684-3000 M-F, 7:30am-6pm | seattle.gov/utilities/emailus

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Para sa serbisyo ng tagapagpaliwanag, tumawag sa (206) 684-3000.

SPU Apprentices Graduate & Become Essential Workers



This May, we celebrated SPU's first graduating water pipe worker apprenticeship class since 2015.

The diverse group of 12 graduates is continuing to work at SPU – but now as a skilled journeyman or journeywoman – to help serve 1.5 million people in the Seattle area every day with safe, clean, and reliable drinking water.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

For more information about the water we deliver from protected mountain watersheds to your tap, keep an eye out for our annual Drinking Water Quality Report in your mailbox by July 1.

Learn more at seattle.gov/utilities/WaterQualityReport