

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



## Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular collection day falls on or after Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 22), Christmas (Tuesday, December 25) or New Year's Day, (Tuesday, January 1) your collection is one day later that week. To look up your collection day or report a missed collection, visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) or call 206-684-3000.

## Snow/Ice Collections

During snowy or icy weather, check your local news or [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) to see if there are any delays in your collection. Better yet, sign up for our Facebook, CurbWaste E-Newsletter or Twitter feeds and be the first to know if the weather impacts your service. Sign up at [www.seattle.gov/html/citizen/socialmedia.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/html/citizen/socialmedia.htm).

## Customers to Receive Bill Adjustment

If you were impacted by the Waste Management Strike you will be receiving a bill adjustment for the November-December billing period. All residential accounts will receive a \$10 credit. The credit is funded by a \$1.24 million settlement with Waste Management over missed garbage, recycling, and yard waste collections due to this summer's eight-day strike by drivers.

## Holiday Household Hazardous Waste

There is usually some assembly required during the holiday season, and that sometimes involves batteries, CFL light bulbs and other household hazardous waste.

- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes, Ni-Cad and Lithium rechargeable and other batteries can be disposed of free of charge at Seattle's Household Hazardous waste stations.
- Incandescent light bulbs, regular Christmas lights and alkaline batteries, such as AA, AAA, C, and D can be disposed of in your curbside garbage.

For more information on where to dispose of household hazardous waste, including station locations and hours, visit [www.lhmp.org](http://www.lhmp.org) or call 206-296-4692.



## Compost Your Holiday Greens

Seattle residents may compost trees and greens free of charge between December 26 and January 13, 2013.

### At Recycling & Disposal Stations

Trees should not exceed eight feet in length and must be free of decoration so they can be turned into compost for local parks and gardens. Trunks should not exceed four inches in diameter. The stations will accept up to three trees per vehicle for free. Find station locations and hours at [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) or 206-684-3000.

### At the Curb

Food and yard waste subscribers can put trees and greens out on their regular collection day. Cut trees into sections, six feet long or shorter, with branches trimmed to less than four feet to fit into the collection trucks. Bundle each section with sisal string or twine (not plastic). Decorated, flocked and plastic trees are not recyclable, and will be charged as extra garbage.

### At Apartments

Check with your manager. Multi-family buildings can put out one tree next to each food and yard waste cart per collection day at no extra charge.



## Keep the Chill Out!

Each winter, homes are damaged due to water pipes that freeze and burst. By taking a few simple precautions, you can help save yourself from the mess, money and headaches of burst frozen pipes.

### Before the Cold Hits

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, basement and attic. Exposed pipes are more susceptible to freezing. The more insulation you use, the better the protection.
- Heat tape can be used to wrap pipes. Closely follow the manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.
- Seal leaks and close foundation vents to minimize cold air entering your house and freezing pipes. Open vents again in the spring to prevent dry rot.
- Drain and disconnect garden hoses and insulate hose bibs.
- Know where your water shut-off valve is located.

## Even a Small Drip Can Add up to a Big Bill!

Finding and fixing leaks is an easy way to save money on your utility bills and save water for salmon and other wildlife. Leaky toilets, faucets, and outdoor watering systems around your home could cost a typical household hundreds of dollars a year on their utility bill, and waste thousands of gallons of water.

Of all the leaks in the home, toilet leaks are the most frequent, and often the costliest. If you have an unusually high utility bill, there's a good chance you have a leaky toilet. Unlike faucet leaks, toilet leaks can go undetected since they can be silent. Fortunately most toilet leaks are relatively easy to fix.

Learn more about finding and fixing toilet leaks or other types of common household leaks at [www.savingwater.org/fixaleak](http://www.savingwater.org/fixaleak) or by calling 206-684-SAVE (7283).

## Free and Discounted Toilets

Toilets are a household's biggest water user – old, leaky models can impact your utility bill. Consider replacing it with our help!

### \$30 Rebates

For a limited time, customers who replace their old, water-guzzling toilets (made before 1994) with new WaterSense-labeled models are eligible for a \$30 rebate. Learn more at [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org) or by calling 206-684-SAVE (7283).

### Free Toilets

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is providing free toilets for income-qualified homeowners – a family of four making less than \$4,819 a month may qualify. Properties must also be located within SPU's 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, call 206-448-5751 or visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) and search "low income toilet."



## Free class!

Keep oil and other fluid leaks from your car from harming our local waterways and wildlife. Join the experts at South Seattle Community College's Automotive Technology Program for a FREE auto leaks class – a \$45 value! Watch our video at and hear what past participants have to say: [www.youtube.com/FixOilLeaks](http://www.youtube.com/FixOilLeaks). Learn where most leaks occur and how to fix them. All participants get their car assessed and receive a free spill kit.

Classes are offered on Saturday's from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 17, December 15, and January 19.

Email [idris.beauregard@seattle.gov](mailto:idris.beauregard@seattle.gov) or call 206-684-3056 to register.

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