

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

## Spring Clean

## Your Neighborhood! Starts in April!

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 at [www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean](http://www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean) or at 206-233-7187.

### North Transfer Station Closed for Two Years

Seattle Public Utilities is replacing the city's North Transfer Station (1350 North 34th Street) with a more modern and efficient facility that will meet the growing future needs of the city.

After closing in January, the new station is expected to open on the same site in 2016. To learn more about the North Transfer Station Rebuild Project go to [www.seattle.gov/util/NewNorth](http://www.seattle.gov/util/NewNorth).

#### Options While the Station is Closed

- Use the new South Transfer Station facility at 130 South Kenyon Street in South Park. Directions and station hours for the South Transfer Station are at [www.seattle.gov/util/Dump](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Dump).
- Avoid the dump altogether. Arrange for a pickup of bulky items by calling 206-684-3000.

Learn to be a

# savvy gardener

Grow a gorgeous garden that is good for you, your family and the environment! Check out these helpful resources to get it done:

- View short, practical videos at [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org).
- Talk to one of our Garden Hotline experts at 206-633-0224 or submit a question and picture at [www.GardenHotline.org](http://www.GardenHotline.org).
- Friend us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SavvyGardenerNews](http://www.facebook.com/SavvyGardenerNews).

### Save Time and Money: Grasscycle!

Grasscycling means leaving your clippings on the lawn, to break down and feed the soil. Studies show that grasscycling doesn't cause thatch, but does improve lawn rooting depth, disease and drought resistance, and provides free fertilizer. You also save money on water and the time it takes to dump and drag clippings to the curb.

#### Grasscycling Tips

- Leave the bag off your mower and let the clippings drop — earthworms will recycle them!
- Mow when the grass is dry, and keep mower blades sharp.
- Raise mowing heights or mow more frequently during fast spring growth.
- Water and fertilize less — save when you grasscycle!

Shopping for a new mower? Choose a "mulching" mower. Learn more about mowers, grasscycling and all your lawn and garden questions by calling the Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224, emailing [help@gardenhotline.org](mailto:help@gardenhotline.org) or visiting [www.gardenhotline.org](http://www.gardenhotline.org).



**Free! Don't  
Drip & Drive**



**Fix That  
Leak!**

## Auto Leaks Class

You won't get your hands dirty when you attend a FREE Auto Leaks Class – a \$125 value! But you will get your car inspected, discover if you have any leaks, and find out how much repairs cost BEFORE you go to the mechanic. A leaky car isn't a reliable car. Plus it's harmful to Puget Sound.

Choose from these upcoming dates at South Seattle Community College in West Seattle: March 15, April 19, or May 17.

Want a different location? Try one of our classes at West Seattle High School, Renton Technical College, or Shoreline Community College.

Register today: [www.fixcarleaks.org](http://www.fixcarleaks.org).

## Fix a Leaky Outdoor Faucet

Leaks in outdoor faucets usually occur in two places – the handle and the spout.

To fix a leak coming from the handle, try tightening the nut behind the handle with a wrench. If that fails to stop the leak, or if the leak is coming from the spout, you'll have to take the faucet apart.

Start by turning off the water supply at your shutoff valve and unscrewing the screw that holds the handle in place.

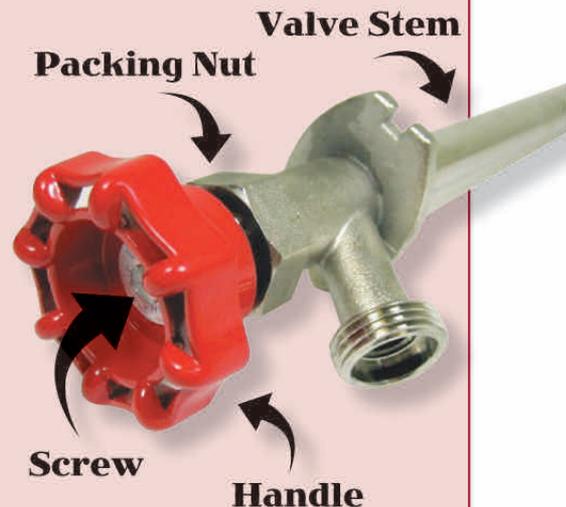
Behind the handle, you'll find a packing nut. Using a wrench, turn the nut counterclockwise and slide out the valve assembly.

Older valve stem assemblies have two washers – one behind the packing nut and one at the base of the assembly. If the washer behind the packing nut is worn, use a wrench to loosen the nut and take out the washer. Take the old washer to a plumbing supply store to make sure you're replacing it with the right one.

To replace a worn washer at the base of the valve stem, unscrew the screw that holds the washer in place, remove the worn washer, and replace it with a new, matching one.

Leaks in long frost-free valve stems are more difficult to fix, especially if the leak is inside your wall or if your valve stem is soldered onto your supply line. If you have this type of valve stem, consult a plumbing supply store for advice.

For more information on fixing leaks and step-by-step videos, visit [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org) or call 206-684-SAVE.



## Report Pollution, Illegal Dumping and Graffiti



We all want a clean Seattle – with clean creeks and lakes, and public spaces that are free of litter and graffiti. If you see problems, you can report them online at [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) under "Report Problems" or by calling one number: 206-684-7587. Just follow the directions to select the correct option.

If your report is about creek pollution, an inspector will be paged during work hours to start an investigation as soon as possible. If you are reporting graffiti or illegal dumping, your request will be forwarded to the appropriate city department or agency within 24 hours.

Thank you for helping keep Seattle clean and pollution free!

## Tree Ambassador



### Tree Lovers Wanted!

The City of Seattle's reLeaf program is looking for new Tree Ambassadors to care for our urban trees. We need your help in these areas:

#### Tree Walks

Show off your favorite local trees and engage your community.

#### Landscape Renewal

Plan and organize small-scale renovation projects to improve the health of our local trees.

#### Street Tree Stewardship

Adopt street tree plantings and help them thrive.

Learn more at [www.seattle.gov/trees](http://www.seattle.gov/trees). You can call us at 206-615-1668 or email us at [treeambassador@seattle.gov](mailto:treeambassador@seattle.gov).

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