

Transfer Station Extended Hours!

You can spend more time at the dump!

As a convenience to our customers while the North Transfer Station in Fremont is closed for remodeling, the South Transfer Station is now open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.



NOW OPEN
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The South Transfer Station is at 130 South Kenyon Street in South Park. Directions, station hours and traffic cams are at www.seattle.gov/util/Dump.

Visit www.seattle.gov/util/NewNorth to learn more about the North Transfer Station rebuild, scheduled for completion in 2016.

Save yourself a trip!

Have us pick up your bulky items—old furniture, mattresses, appliances and the like. The cost is \$30 per item. Call **(206) 684-3000** to arrange a bulky item collection.

GOOD FOR ONE Free KITCHEN COMPOST KIT

While supplies last, present this coupon after you dump your unwanted items at the new South Transfer Station in South Park and receive a free kitchen compost container.



From ecovio® by BASF and Seattle Public Utilities, these containers are a great way to store and carry your leftover food scraps to your food and yard waste cart.

Last year, Seattle businesses and residents diverted more than 125,000 tons of food and yard waste from the landfill by turning their leftovers into compost.

Stop by the South Transfer Station anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. 7 days a week. Limit one per car/household. Seattle residents only.

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Paint out graffiti this July and August. Join Summer Paint Out.

Whether you are a group or an individual, you can tackle graffiti in your neighborhood. The City of Seattle supports volunteers with FREE paint (white-brown-gray), rollers, brushes, scrapers, and gloves.

Get signed up online at www.seattle.gov/util/SummerPaintOut or call **(206) 233-7187**.



Tips and Programs for Seattle Residents

SUMMER 2014

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Kitchen Catcher Giveaway June 28, 2014

Seattle fans hit a home run for the environment last year by diverting more than 2 million pounds of waste away from landfill by composting and recycling. Way to go!



To celebrate, Seattle Public Utilities, BASF and the Seattle Mariners will be giving away free Felix Hernandez Special Collector's Edition Kitchen Caddys to the first 8,000 fans who come see the M's take on the Cleveland Indians on Saturday, June 28.



Each caddy comes with a pack of EcoSafe compostable bags that makes it clean and easy to collect your leftover food scraps and carry them to your food and yard waste cart.

Peanuts, Cracker Jacks, hot dogs, corn on the cob, watermelon, napkins, cardboard pizza boxes, chicken wings, and all other leftover food can go in your food and yard waste cart, where they will be turned into compost for local parks and gardens.

Don't Drip and Drive: Fix that Leak!

Attend a FREE Auto Leaks Class — a \$125 value! 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 reliable, and it's harmful to Puget Sound.

Choose from these dates at South Seattle Community College in West Seattle: July 19, August 9, or September 13.

REGISTER: (206) 684-7643 or maythia.airhart@seattle.gov

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Do you have a mattress you no longer use?

The metal, wood, and foam or fabric filling in that mattress can be recycled. Here's how:

1. Recycle mattresses with many local retailers. Most mattress sellers will haul away your unwanted mattress when you buy a new one, and a few will do so even without a purchase. When shopping, ask each store about their mattress recycling service.
2. Recycle mattresses with Take-It-Back Network businesses. Find a business that's convenient for you at: www.takeitbacknetwork.org
3. Call (206) 684-3000 to arrange a "bulky item" pickup. Just \$30, it costs the same as a car trip to the transfer station, and you'll save yourself time and gas!



Cleaning Out Your Garage or Home?

Leftover oil-based paints, paint thinner, cleaning products, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, motor oil and unwanted household hazardous wastes need to be handled carefully to prevent harm to people and our environment. These products should never be put in the garbage.

Drop these products off at a hazardous waste facility for free:

- **North Seattle HHW Facility**
12550 Stone Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98133
- **South Seattle HHW Facility**
8105 Fifth Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98108

For information or directions, visit www.HazWasteHelp.org, or call the Household Hazards Line at (206) 296-4692.

To dispose of latex paint, mix in kitty litter and put the can in your garbage with the lid off.

Hazardous waste disposal service is provided by the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Yard-Wise

WATERING GARDEN BEDS Probe a couple of inches into the soil to see if it's dry before watering. Water deeply and less often to help plants grow deeper, healthier roots.

WATERING LAWNS If you choose to let your lawn go dormant (brownish) in summer, it will green up in fall. To help it come back in good shape, water monthly.

Use the 'cycle and soak' method to water deeply enough to moisten the roots: Turn the water off when it starts to puddle, wait until the water is absorbed, then water again. As with any lawn, fertilize annually in mid-September or October with organic or slow-release fertilizer to help keep it healthy.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM? These save time but can waste water! Visit www.savingwater.org (click on Lawn & Garden) for tips and tools to do more with less!

Grasscycle!

Radio personality and local gardening guru Ciscoe Morris says, "I always grasscycle. Leaving the clippings recycles nutrients and never creates thatch problems. Best of all, it beats the living tweetle out of hefting heavy mower bags full of clippings to dump it in the yard waste container."

He's right! Grasscycling cuts fertilizer cost and effort; clippings provide up to half of your lawn's annual nutrient needs.

- ✓ Save time—no more bagging clippings and dragging them to the curb
- ✓ Reduce lawn watering—the clippings act like a light mulch, which provides and retains moisture

You can grasscycle with any mower. Just leave the bag off and let the clippings drop.

When it's time to buy a new mower, shop for a "mulching" model. They finely chop clippings blowing them down to the soil, where they aren't visible, can't be tracked into the house, and feed the earthworms and microbes that feed your lawn.



For free answers to all your gardening questions, contact the experts at the Garden Hotline!

(206) 633-0224 or www.GardenHotline.org

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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!



Free Toilets!

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) in partnership with the Minor Home Repair Program is providing free toilets for income-qualified homeowners — a family of four making less than \$4,905 a month may qualify. Properties must be located within SPU's service area and must have existing toilets installed before 2004.

Installation and recycling of your old toilet are also provided free of charge. For more information, go to www.seattle.gov/util/FreeToilets or call (206) 448-5751.

\$75 Rebates!

For a limited time, customers who replace their old, water-guzzling toilets (made before 2004) with new WaterSense Premium models get a \$75 rebate! Learn more at www.savingwater.org/rebates or by calling (206) 684-SAVE (7283).



Have a Say About Your Waterway

Millions of gallons of raw sewage and polluted runoff overflow into Seattle waterways every year. Seattle Public Utilities is working to protect our lakes, creeks, bays, and the Duwamish River by preventing these overflows.

The draft Plan to Protect Seattle's Waterways is ready for your review. Find out more at www.seattle.gov/cso or come to an open house and public hearing on the draft plan.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 24 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Lake Washington Rowing Club, 910 N. Northlake Way, Seattle.

Seattle Public Utilities encourages the public, interested agencies, and tribal governments to review and comment on the plan, proposed alternatives, and potential impacts.

Thank you for helping to protect our waters.