

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



Water Supply

The record breaking hot summer has left many Seattle residents looking forward to fall and winter rains. Until those steady rains return, Seattle Public Utilities asks that you manage your water use thoughtfully by doing the following:

- Put two inches of mulch on planting beds and around trees.
- If you are still watering outdoors, do so before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Wash vehicles only at a location that recycles water.
- Use a broom – not a hose to clean decks, patios, driveways and sidewalks.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Fix leaking toilets and dripping sinks.

For more tips on using water wisely, visit www.savingwater.org.

Using Water Carefully Benefits Salmon



What do salmon and saving water have to do with each other? Conserving water in the summer and fall helps leave water in the rivers for salmon and wildlife. Your actions can help save money on your water bill and protect salmon and their freshwater habitat. You can see your efforts pay off when salmon make their annual migration home to our local streams. Find out when and where salmon are returning by visiting www.kingcounty.gov/salmon and clicking on “Salmon SEEson.”



See Salmon at Carkeek Park

See the hundreds of chum salmon return to Piper’s Creek in Carkeek Park. Join volunteers from the Salmon Stewards program Saturdays and Sundays, November 7 – December 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m and learn how you can help keep salmon habitat healthy. There will be children’s activities, food, hot drinks, and music at the Piper’s Creek Salmon Celebration, Friday, November 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Visit www.seattle.gov/protectourwaters to learn more.

Questions? Email Bill Malatinsky at bill.malatinsky@seattle.gov or call 206-684-5999 or visit <http://bit.ly/SalmonStewards>

Fall Garden and Landscaping Water Conservation Tips

Fall is an ideal time to prepare your landscape and garden for next year.

- Add 2 to 3 inches of mulch (fall leaves, woodchips or compost) to the surface of bare soils. Mulch helps protect plant roots during freezing weather.
- Turn off your automatic sprinkler system. Watering your plants in the fall can delay them from preparing for dormancy, making them more susceptible to early freezes.
- Plant new trees, shrubs or perennials! Cooler air and warm soil help plants develop strong roots ahead of our dry summers.



Gardening questions?

Contact the Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224 or email from www.gardenhotline.org.

Go to www.savingwater.org for a compost calculator, fall planting video and much more.

Green Seattle Day

Join us for the 10th Annual Green Seattle Day on Saturday, November 7 to plant the future forest of Seattle in your favorite park! This will be a celebration of Seattle’s urban forest and everyone can help! Help us to plant trees and other plants in parks throughout the City, to keep Seattle healthy and green into the future. For more information and to sign up, visit us at www.greenseattle.org, or call (206) 905-6943.

Take Winter by Storm

Are you prepared for winter storms? Here are things you can do now to be ready:

- Clear leaves and debris away from storm drains in your neighborhood with a rake or broom (only if it's safe). If a storm drain appears blocked below the street surface, call **(206) 386-1800**.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Build a family emergency kit. Keep enough water, food and other supplies (flashlights, crank or battery-operated radio, blankets) in your home to meet your needs for at least three days.
- Have a family disaster plan.
- Stay out of flooding basements. Check to see if your homeowner's insurance covers flood damage.
- Protect water pipes from freezing in exposed or unheated areas (attics, basements and garages) by wrapping with tape and insulating materials.

Visit www.takewinterbystorm.org for more tips on how to prepare for winter storms.



Put your food scraps, leftovers, napkins, even bones into your green Food & Yard waste cart, so it can be turned into compost for yards and gardens.

- Collect kitchen food waste in a washable container with a lid.
- Line the container with a compostable bag, paper towel or newspaper.
- To avoid smells, take your food waste out to the cart every few days.

Food waste is not allowed in the garbage.

Visit www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste or call **(206) 684-3000** to learn more.

For resources to make food waste composting easier; training and technical, visit www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste or call **(206) 684-8717**. For service issues call SPU **(206) 684-7665**.

Take the Pledge. Get Good Deals. Protect Water Quality.

Seattle Public Utilities is offering free Chinook Book mobile coupons (a \$15 value) while supplies last. Smart phone users get a one year subscription to the Chinook Book app with over 400 coupons. Don't have a smartphone? A paper coupon(s) may be available.

Please visit the survey link below for up-to-date info.

1. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/protectingseattleswaterways
2. Pledge to protect water quality.
3. Get FREE coupons for groceries, entertainment, dining, recreation, car washes, pet care, yard care and more!

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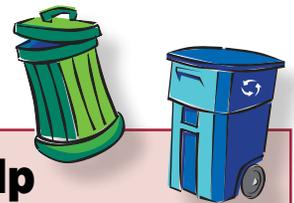
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Get Help with Your Bill

Do you know that you can get **50 percent off your Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) bill through the Utility Discount Program?** Income-qualified homeowners and renters are eligible.

To find out if you qualify, go to www.seattle.gov/mybill or call **206-684-0268** to get started.

Some residents of federally subsidized housing, including Section 8 are not eligible.

Attend a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop - \$125 Value!

Learn how to maintain your car and protect Puget Sound! Get your car inspected by a certified mechanic. Find out if you have any leaks and identify the source of the leaks. A leaky car isn't reliable, and it's harmful to Puget Sound.

Choose from these dates and attend a class at South Seattle College in West Seattle: September 19, October 17, or November 14. Classes are from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn more or register online at:

www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks

For questions, call **(206) 615-1222** or email SPU_EPTRResources@seattle.gov