

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

Save Water, Save Money \$100 Toilet Rebate Events

Saturday, May 7

8am–noon

Bitter Lake Home Depot
11616 Aurora Ave. N

Saturday, May 14

8am–noon

West Seattle Home Depot
7345 Delridge Way SW

- SPU staff on site to help with questions and rebate applications
- All brands of Premium* toilet models (in stock and ordered) eligible for \$100 rebate
- Niagara Conservation reps on site to demo Niagara Stealth toilets
- For eligibility details and ongoing rebate program information go to: www.savingwater.org



Saving Water Partnership
Seattle and Participating Local Water Utilities

**1.1 gallons per flush or less. (Must be on the Saving Water Partnership's Premium Toilet List)*

Compost So Life Goes On

Food waste is not allowed in the garbage. Put your food scraps, napkins, even bones into your green Food & Yard Waste cart.

- 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.

For more information go to:
www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste



Illegal Dumping Response Times

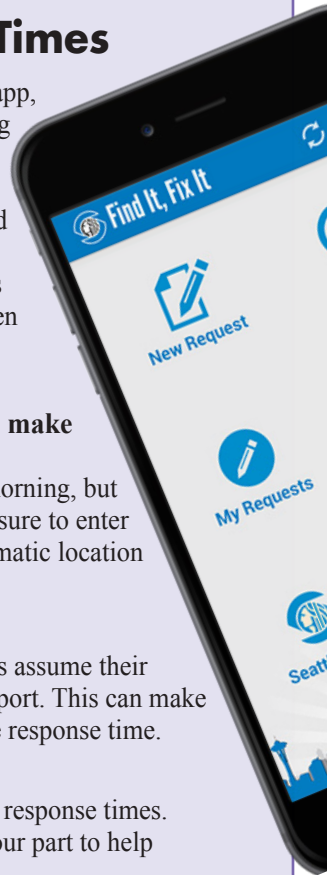
Thanks to reporting tools like the new Find It, Fix It app, conscientious city residents can report illegal dumping more conveniently than ever.

The good news: it's working! Between 2014 and 2015, the number of illegal dumping reports increased from 5,500 to 12,000. The not-so-good-news: due to this unprecedented increase in reports, response times are much longer than normal. As SPU works to shorten response times, there are a few things you can do to help:

- **When reporting with the Find It, Fix It app, make sure your location is accurate.**
If you took a picture of an abandoned sofa this morning, but won't report it until you get home tonight, make sure to enter the correct location of the sofa, or the app's automatic location finder might send SPU crews to your house!
- **Don't submit duplicates.**
Due to increased response times, many customers assume their report wasn't received, and submit a duplicate report. This can make report intake more difficult, and actually increase response time.
- **Please be patient with us.**
SPU is working hard to improve illegal dumping response times. We thank you for your patience, and for doing your part to help keep Seattle's public spaces clean and safe.

To report illegal dumping:

Find It, Fix It app: www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it
Online: www.seattle.gov/util By phone: 206-684-7587



Spring Clean Your Neighborhood!

Spring is almost here and now is the time for Seattleites to gear up and take part in the city's longest-running neighborhood cleanup program – Spring Clean. Spring Clean, now in its 30th year, runs from April through May. Help pick up litter, stencil storm drains, or paint out graffiti in your community. All Spring Clean projects are on public property.

The City of Seattle supports volunteers with FREE bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal. Get started today! Call 206-233-7187, or register online at www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean.

Small Sparks Fund

Ask us about grants from our partner, the Department of Neighborhoods. You could get a grant for up to \$1000 for your community cleanup. The deadline for applications is six weeks before your event. Learn more at:
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund

Damaged Clothes Aren't Garbage Anymore.

Don't toss those shabby socks in the trash! Organizations across King County want all of your used clothes, shoes, and linens for reuse and recycling. Ripped, stained, and threadbare clothing can have a second life as industrial wiping rags, insulation, and more.

Threadcycle

Acceptable items:

- torn, ripped, or holey
- stained
- missing buttons or broken zippers
- single shoes or socks
- worn or faded

Items that are wet, mildewed, or contaminated with hazardous materials are not accepted.

Learn where you can donate your clothes, shoes and linens for reuse or recycling at King County's Threadcycle website: www.kingcounty.gov/threadcycle.



Follow Seattle Public Utilities!



That Plant's Out of Place!

Do your plants take a turn for the worse once you get them in the ground? You might be planting them in the wrong spot. This planting season, keep the following tips in mind:

- **Get to Know Your Yard**
Where are the sunny and shady spots? Where does your soil stay wet, and where does it dry out easily? How much space do you have to work with?
- **Be Choosy**
Pick plants based on what kind of sun, shade, and soil you can provide. Look at the mature size of a plant—will you have enough space for your plant when it grows up?
- **Get New Plants Off to a Good Start**
Weed and mulch around your new plants once they are in the ground.

For more information about planting in the right place, go to www.savingwater.org.

For free answers to all your gardening questions, contact The Garden Hotline: (206) 633-0224 or www.GardenHotline.org.



Lawn Care: Act Naturally

Save time, money, and the environment with tips from the latest Natural Lawn Care video series. Learn about:

- Grasscycling (leave the clippings—they'll return valuable nutrients back to the soil)
- Using organic or slow-release fertilizers
- Improving thin areas with over-seeding and compost top-dressing
- Choosing alternatives to "weed & feed" and other pesticides
- Watering smart for a healthy lawn and lower water bills

Watch the videos, see the new Natural Lawn Care guide, and get answers to all your yard care questions at www.GardenHotline.org or call 206-633-0224.



Free Auto Leaks Workshop

Oil and other fluids that leak from your car find their way to Puget Sound and other waterways, hurting wildlife and habitat.

Seattle Public Utilities' Automotive Maintenance Program offers FREE workshops to help you prevent these leaks.

Participate in a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop this spring! You'll have your car inspected by a certified automotive instructor and learn to spot and fix leaks.

Don't Drip & Drive



Upcoming classes:

- Saturday, April 16, 2016
- Saturday, May 14, 2016

Learn more at:

www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks

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