



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

West Nile Virus Precautions

Warmer temperatures signal the beginning of mosquito season, and that means taking precautions against West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne disease. It can infect birds, horses and other animals, as well as people.



What is the risk? Most people bitten by an infected mosquito don't get sick, but 20 percent of people bitten experience mild to severe flu-like symptoms. Less than one percent of those who experience symptoms develop a life-threatening illness. People of any age can get West Nile Virus, but people over age 50 are at higher risk of developing the more serious illness, and this risk increases with age.

West Nile Virus is a preventable illness, and we can all do our part to prevent infection. Covering your skin, wearing insect repellent and eliminating standing water that can breed mosquitoes are the best ways to reduce the risk of infection.

To get more information please visit www.seattle.gov/util and search "West Nile Virus," or call Public Health's hotline at (206) 205-3883.



Tour the Watershed

Join Seattle Public Utilities naturalists for a tour of the Cedar River Watershed, the source of 70 percent of the Seattle area's drinking water. These interpretive

journeys by bus into the 91,000-acre protected watershed are held Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from July 10 to September 6. Anyone 10 years or older may take tours, which last from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and start and end at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center near North Bend. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth (age 10+) and seniors. For information and reservations, contact (206) 233-1515 or crwprograms@seattle.gov.

Volunteer to Keep Seattle Clean

Summer is a great time to get out of the house. Why not use the warmer months to do some good in your community? Seattle Public Utilities has a couple of programs that can get you involved!

Join more than 300 active volunteer groups cleaning up nearly 200 miles of city streets with the Adopt-A-Street Program.

Volunteers receive the following: cleanup supplies, safety equipment, garbage pickup, educational resources, and more. To get started, call (206) 684-7647 or e-mail adoptastreet@seattle.gov.



Tired of graffiti in your neighborhood? The Red Wagon Paint Out Program provides free materials and training to volunteers who want to remove unsightly graffiti on private property.

Free supplies provided in your red wagon include: latex paint, paint rollers, a roller screen and bucket,

gloves, cleanup rags, and safety vests. Call (206) 684-7790 today for your red wagon.

Citizens who are struggling with graffiti can also sign a waiver that allows volunteers to enter their property and paint out graffiti. To report graffiti, call (206) 684-7587. For graffiti in progress, call 911.

Planting Strips Make Great Gardens

But remember to keep your meter box clear. Green thumbs need to remember not to cover their meter box, which is often located in the planting strip and can easily be covered by plant growth. This can hinder utility meter reading. By keeping it clear, you help ensure precise meter reading and accurate utility bills.



Save Money and Conserve Water with High Efficiency Toilets



Seattle Public Utilities is providing a **\$30 WaterSense toilet coupon below for single-family homeowners during the month of September, 2009.** For an instant purchase discount, simply fill in the coupon and take it to one of these participating WaterSense retail partners: Aurora Plumbing, Junction True Value, McClendon Hardware, Morgan Electrical and Plumbing, and Pacific Supply.

Toilets bearing the WaterSense label combine high efficiency with high performance and perform better than standard toilets in laboratory testing. Most households can save thousands of gallons and reduce their utility bills by \$30 to \$100 a year by replacing their old toilet with a WaterSense-labeled toilet.

Renters should get permission from their homeowner before replacing their toilet. Low-income customers and seniors who receive utility rate assistance may be eligible for free toilet installation. Call **(206) 448-5751** for more information.

Visit participating retailers or go to **www.savingwater.org** for more information. **All coupons will expire September 30, 2009.**

For electronic billing customers, please call (206) 733-9137 for your coupon.

Follow these steps to earn your instant rebate:

- 1) Bring coupon to participating retailer (see above)
 - 2) Choose WaterSense toilet; see list of eligible toilets at www.savingwater.org
 - 3) Complete coupon information and submit to cashier
- Original voucher only, no copies allowed; one (1) only per SINGLE-FAMILY household

**\$30
Instant Rebate**

Property Owner Name (please print) Last : _____ First: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Date Purchased: _____ Cost of Toilet \$ _____ Brand & Model: _____

Call **(206) 733-9137** with questions or visit www.savingwater.org for a complete list of qualified toilets and participating retailers.

Only single-family homes are eligible for this rebate for qualified WaterSense toilets. This program is subject to on-site verification of the purchase and installation of the product. I certify that I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program. The undersigned expressly agrees that Seattle Public Utilities may inspect all qualifying toilet installations, that installation of qualifying toilet models may not result in lower water bills; and that Seattle Public Utilities does not warrant any toilet or installation to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises for toilet installation. Funding is limited and rebates are available on a first come, first serve basis. **Program expires September 30, 2009.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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