



# Find It, Fix It Community Walks Post Walk Update

## Little Brook



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On August 14th the 25th Find It, Fix It Community Walk was held in the Little Brook neighborhood. Over 60 community members and representatives from 11 City departments attended the event to discuss public safety issues and learn about city programs and resources. This report summarizes all of the City's current responses to Little Brook's community concerns and additional resources for the community.



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# LETTER FROM TIM BURGESS



**City of Seattle**  
Mayor Tim Burgess

November 1, 2017

Dear Little Brook Neighbors,

I am pleased to be able to share with you the report back to the community on what has taken place since the Little Brook Find It, Fix It Community Event in August. My goals for this report are to not only provide information on issues that were brought to the City's attention at the event, but to also identify the successfully completed issues with helpful resources on how to properly address those concerns in ongoing collaboration with the City of Seattle.

This event was a success due to the consistent support of community members and Find It, Fix It partners who provided input during the planning stages, invited neighbors to the event, joined the event or contributed in other ways.

I would like to recognize and thank all of the people and organizations who participated in the Little Brook Find It, Fix It Community Event: Members from Lake City Future First and Lake City Greenways for attending meetings to discuss and plan the event; Lake City Young Leaders Program for speaking and sharing their experience; Community Liaisons Anna Moya, Dereje Negassa, and Asmeret Habte for aiding in community outreach and providing interpretation during the event; City of Seattle Department directors and staff who attended the event and who have worked to answer the community's questions and address the needs brought up at the Little Brook Find It, Fix It Community Event; Community Involvement Coordinator Mark Mendez for representing the neighborhood and for attending the event; and the departments of Finance and Administrative Services, Fire, Transportation, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Neighborhoods and Police for providing informational material at the event.

Thanks also to our Find It, Fix It Community Event partners who made the Little Brook event possible: Cities of Service, Kaffeeklatsch, TownSquared, Molly Moon's and Seattle Farmer's Market Alliance.

I look forward to continuing to build upon the partnerships made and strengthened through the Little Brook Find It, Fix It Community Event as we work together towards solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Burgess'.

Tim Burgess  
Mayor of Seattle

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# SERVICE REQUEST STATUS

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It Mobile Application requests and Customer Service Bureau service requests via phone or web sent in during and following the event in Little Brook. Requests with “status” marked in green means that fix has been completed and orange means that the fix is in progress.

Description	Location	Dept.	Status
Safety rail broken and rusted edges exposed	NE 145th St	SDOT	Rail repaired
Need dog waste bag dispenser stand at Little Brook Park	32nd Ave NE & NE 143rd St	SPR	Identifying a community partner to install and maintain dispenser. Contact Hailey Oppelt at <a href="mailto:hailey.oppelt@seattle.gov">hailey.oppelt@seattle.gov</a> for updates.
Vacant Building	145th and 32nd Ave	SDCI	See response on page 6
Power boxes unsecure	Little Brook Park	SCL	Boxes repaired and secured
Illegal dumping	32nd Ave NE	SPU	Illegal dumping collected
Illegal dumping	32nd Ave NE	SPU	Illegal dumping collected
Illegal dumping	32nd Ave NE	SPU	Illegal dumping collected
Illegal dumping	NE 143rd St	SPU	Illegal dumping collected

## Departments (Dept.)

- Department of Transportation (SDOT)
- Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI)
- City Light (SCL)
- Public Utilities (SPU)
- Parks and Recreation (SPR)

**Don't have the Find It, Fix It App?** Android users can download the app from the Google Play Store: [play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.seattle.searequests](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.seattle.searequests) and iPhone users can download it from the App Store: [itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-it-fix-it/id568509551?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-it-fix-it/id568509551?mt=8).

## Concern of Vacant Building at 145th and 32nd Ave

### City Regulations for Maintaining Vacant Buildings

Our Housing and Building Maintenance Code (HBMC) includes provisions for the maintenance of vacant buildings. These standards require owners of vacant buildings to maintain them in the interest of public safety and preservation of housing and neighborhoods.

While it is legal for a building to be vacant, we do not allow owners to leave a building open to unauthorized entry. There are special requirements for maintenance to protect and allow entry to City employees such as firefighters and others. Other requirements are focused on preventing the building from deterioration from the elements and on keeping the grounds clear and free of junk and overgrown vegetation.

### Who is Responsible for Vacant Building Safety and Maintenance?

The building owner is responsible for maintaining the building and premises in accordance with our codes and regulations, regardless of provisions of any agreement with any tenant, manager or operator. We typically contact the owner or owners of record when a vacant building site is inadequately maintained or is open to entry. We may have the building boarded up or have the yard cleaned up if the owner does not address a dangerous condition. The cost of the work will be billed to the owner.

### General Building Standards

Standards which apply to all buildings, vacant and occupied, are those which require the removal of hazardous substances, infestation, litter, garbage, and overgrown vegetation from the property. Outdoor storage of inoperable vehicles, materials, and appliances is not allowed.

### What can I do about a vacant building open to unauthorized entry in my neighborhood?

- Call us at (206) 615-0808 to complain about vacant buildings.
- You may also submit a complaint online at <http://web6.seattle.gov/DPD/complaintform>.
- Call the police if you observe criminal activity at the site, at 911. Full memo can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam605.pdf>

Contact **Barbara Graf**, Housing and Zoning Inspector of Vacant Buildings, for more information or questions at [barbara.graf@seattle.gov](mailto:barbara.graf@seattle.gov) or (206) 684-7795.

# TRANSPORTATION

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It concerns identified by the community, concerns were collected via phone or web sent in during and prior to the event in Little Brook.

Concerns with “status” marked in green means that fix has been completed and orange means that the fix is in progress.

These concerns pertain to Department of Transportation (SDOT).

Concern	Location	Dept.	Updates
Lack of sidewalks	30th Ave, from 145th St NE through 127th St NE	SDOT	Response on page 10
Traffic speed	30th Ave, NE 143rd Pl	SDOT	Response of page 8
Unclear parking signage and pavement markings	143rd, between 30th and 32nd	SDOT	Completed. Contact Paige Madden at <a href="mailto:paige.madden@seattle.gov">paige.madden@seattle.gov</a> for more information
Lack of pedestrian crossing	135th St NE, 35th Ave NE	SDOT	Response on page 9
Potholes (2 in close proximity)	143rd St and 30th	SDOT	Pothole repaired - see page 9
Potholes	30th Ave NE (between 127th and 145th)	SDOT	Potholes repaired - see page 9
Need more trees in neighborhood	Little Brook	SDOT	Response of page 11
Lack of pedestrian crossing (used as school crossing)	137th St NE, 30th Ave NE	SDOT	Response on page 8

## Concern for Traffic Speed on 30th Ave and NE 143rd Place

### What Can I Do To Improve Street Safety?

#### 1) Get in touch with your local neighborhood/community council or organization

Connecting with your neighborhood council is always a great way to gauge what type of support you have for what you are proposing and gain support from others as you begin to strategize solutions moving forward. More information can be found on page 20.

#### 2) Report incidents to the police

Improving safety drives the decision-making around traffic calming. SDOT uses collision data that is reported to the police to prioritize projects.

- If you are involved in or witness an auto accident where medical or police assistance is needed, call 9-1-1.
- If you pass an auto accident and it does not appear that assistance is needed, or you see involved parties on a wireless phone, or emergency personnel have already arrived, please do not call 9-1-1.
- If the collision is minor and you don't need police response: You should exchange insurance information.
- You can report collisions online via the Collision Report with Washington State Patrol at <https://fortress.wa.gov/wsp/wrecr/OMVCR/>

#### 3) Conduct a speed study

Residents have access to radar equipment available for checkout at our neighborhood service centers ([seattle.gov/customer-service-centers](http://seattle.gov/customer-service-centers)). More information about checking out the radar gun can be found at the Neighborhood Traffic Calming page at: [seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp\\_calming.htm](http://seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm).

#### 4) Apply for a small-scale improvement in a park or street in your neighborhood

Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets is an opportunity for community members to directly decide how to spend \$2 million of the City's budget on small-scale physical improvement projects in Seattle's parks & streets (i.e. crosswalks, medians, flashing beacons, sidewalk repair, curb ramps, park benches, trail improvements, etc.). Each project must be under \$90K. For more information, visit:

[www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice).

#### 5) Consider applying for Neighborhood Matching Fund

This fund is highly recommended for developing neighborhood or street plans. It can also be used to install a traffic calming device if there is a documented problem. For more information, visit:

[seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund](http://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund).



## Pothole Information

### Does Department of Transportation (SDOT) Fill Potholes in Alleys?

Property owners are responsible for the alleys next to their property. SDOT fills potholes on alleys paved to City standards (typically concrete), but unimproved alleys (those not paved to City standards) are not considered part of the City's street system and are not maintained SDOT. Alley maintenance funds are scarce. If a paved alley is damaged to the extent that there is a safety or mobility problem, SDOT will make pothole patch repairs as possible. More extensive repairs are likely to be conducted by the abutting property owners.

### Does SDOT Fill Potholes on Residential Streets?

SDOT fills potholes on paved residential streets. On streets that are not paved with concrete or asphalt, such as gravel roadways or streets with chip-sealed surfaces (emulsion embedded with crushed rock) repairs may need to wait until the street can be graded or resealed.

### There are several reasons why SDOT may not have made the repair requested:

**Weather conditions have created a backlog:** There are seasonal variations in the amount of new potholes that are created. When there is a significant backlog, SDOT will put extra crews on the job of filling potholes until the backlog is gone.

**Can't find the pothole:** Sometimes insufficient information is given or there may be a car parked over the pothole, hiding it from view. SDOT can call the report for a better description of the location if their name and number are provided with the request.

**Utility cuts:** Some of the potholes reported are the responsibilities of other parties to fill. The agencies or private contractors who dig into the street to work on underground utilities must either repair the street pavement or pay SDOT to make the final, permanent repair. If the "utility cut" is not properly repaired, the area of the excavation can sink, leaving what can appear to be a pothole. When these are reported, SDOT may require the utility to return and correct the paving. This may take longer than three business days.

**Utility covers:** When entrances to underground utilities become worn, the owners of the utility must repair cracked or damaged pavement around the rim.

**Railroad Tracks:** SDOT is not allowed to work within four feet of railroad tracks. This area must be repaired by the railroad. Repairs in the area SDOT is responsible for within 25 feet of railroad tracks may take longer than 72 hours in order to coordinate with the railroad.

**Off to the side of the road:** Sometimes a pothole forms off to the side of the roadway, especially when drainage is inadequate and the area is used for parking. These areas are usually the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to maintain. An SDOT Street Use inspector can verify if the pothole is in the part of the right of way that is the responsibility of the property owner.

**Can't be repaired as a pothole:** Some defects that are reported as potholes are really some other kind of problem that can't be repaired as a pothole. Sometimes it is a rough or rutted surface of a road that needs to be repaved or totally rebuilt from the base to the surface. Other times it is a void or sink-hole, a crumbled street edge, or pavement with layers of asphalt that have become separated (delaminated), or a long fissure or crack. While most defects can be repaired, it may take longer, and some processes, such as crack seal or chip sealing are only done in the summer. If there is a safety hazard, SDOT crews will set barricades around the problem area or they may close a lane.

## Concern for Lack of Sidewalks and Safe Road Crossings

### Ways to Make the Streets Safer for Pedestrians

SDOT has been working on an update to the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP). The PMP identifies priority locations for pedestrian improvements over the next 20 years based on a citywide analysis of data related to the Plan's goals of vibrancy (demand), safety, equity, and health. Because SDOT can only afford to build or improve a certain number of sidewalks or crossings each year, the intent is to focus resources in areas where conditions are difficult and where people need to be able to walk the most.

The updated PMP includes a "Priority Investment Network" (PIN) which identifies streets where SDOT proposes to direct pedestrian improvements. The PIN was developed based on input from residents across Seattle who told us that we should focus pedestrian investments on:

- Streets connecting families and children to schools
- Streets connecting people to transit stops
- Sidewalks and crossings on busy arterial streets
- Residential streets where sidewalks are missing
- Locations where pedestrians have been injured

As such, the PIN includes all streets (both arterial and non-arterial) that provide walking connections to public schools and frequent transit stops. The maps within the PMP will identify the streets that provide these key walking connections, which will be prioritized for pedestrian improvements during the 20-year planning timeline.



## Request for More Trees in Neighborhood

Since 2009, **Trees for Neighborhoods** has helped Seattle residents plant over 7,300 trees in their yards and along the street. That's 7,300 more trees working to clean our air and water, make our streets more walkable, and our neighborhoods healthier!

*When you participate in Trees for Neighborhoods, you receive:*

- Help selecting the right tree and planting location
- **Free trees** (up to 4 per household, lifetime max of 6)
- A watering bag & mulch for each tree
- Training on proper planting and care
- Assistance applying for street tree planting permits
- Ongoing care reminders and future pruning workshop opportunities
- Tree delivery & planting assistance if you need physical help or lack access to a vehicle
- Street tree evaluations for the first few years to let you know how your trees are doing

### Planting Street Trees

**What is a street tree?** A street tree is planted in the public right-of-way, usually in the planting strip (space between sidewalk and road) or in the space approximately 10 feet from the curb or roadside, in the absence of sidewalks.

To make sure street trees are planted in locations where they will not interfere with underground sewer, water, and gas lines or overhead power lines, residents must get a free permit from the Seattle Department of Transportation. When you participate in Trees for Neighborhoods, we will submit a planting permit application on your behalf. *Yard trees do not require a planting permit.*

Applications for 2017 are now closed. If you are interested in planting a tree in 2018, sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6K3N7J> to receive notification of the 2018 application process.



If you have questions, email [treesforneighborhoods@seattle.gov](mailto:treesforneighborhoods@seattle.gov) or call 206-684-3979

# PUBLIC UTILITIES

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It concerns identified by the community, concerns were collected via phone or web sent in during and prior to the event in Little Brook. Concerns with “status” marked in green means that fix has been completed and orange means that the fix is in progress. These concerns pertain to Seattle Public Utilities (SPU).

Concern	Location	Dept.	Updates
Rats living under apartment complex	145th and 30th	SPU	Area under inspection
Graffiti	30th Ave, 145th St and local buildings	SPU	See response below

## Report Graffiti in the Following Ways:

- Use the Graffiti Report Form at <https://seattle-csrprodcwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2?id=PUGRAFFI> , the Find It, Fix It Mobile App or call the Graffiti Report Line at (206) 684-7587 to report graffiti for removal on public property, or graffiti that has not been removed from private property
- Call the Seattle Police Department at (206) 625-5011 to file a police report when graffiti appears on your property
- Call 911 to report graffiti in progress. Graffiti vandals must be caught in the act to be prosecuted
- Property with graffiti that has not been removed in a reasonable amount of time may be subject to fines under the Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/GraffitiRemoval/GraffitiNuisanceOrdinance/index.htm>

## Want to Check on your Graffiti Report?

You can use the confirmation number to track the status of your graffiti report at <http://servicerequest.seattle.gov/>. A “Closed” status indicates that the report has been accepted by the City of Seattle but its removal may still be pending.

You can expect the reported graffiti to be removed:

- Within 10 business days for public property
- Within 45 to 60 days for private property

# LITTLE BROOK PARK

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It concerns identified by the community, concerns were collected via phone or web sent in during and prior to the event in Little Brook. Concerns with “status” marked in green means that fix has been completed and orange means that the fix is in progress. These concerns pertain to Parks and Recreation (SPR).

Concern	Location	Dept.	Updates
Litter in creek	Little Brook Park	SPR	Litter is checked daily in peak months of April through September and 3 days a week in non-peak months October through March.
Dog waste in park	Little Brook Park	SPR	Dog waste is picked up by staff when visible. Pet owners are responsible of removing waste. Trash receptacles are provided.
More wood chips needed in park (by swings and play-ground)	Little Brook Park	SPR	Fibar will be added to the play area. This is done on a schedule and currently meets all safety standards.
A light is needed inside the park	Little Brook Park	SPR	Lights are difficult to add after a park is constructed, the park will be inspected to see if it is feasible.



Little Brook Youth Corps

In 2017, Mark Mendez initiated a partnership with Seattle Parks Foundation to launch the Little Brook Youth Corps, a program that trains teens age 13 to 17 to improve their neighborhood environment. The Youth Corps’ inaugural summer project was a model of collaboration that included generous funding from Kaiser Permanente, Thornton Creek Alliance, and Seattle’s Department of Neighborhoods; mentors from Lake City Neighborhood Alliance, Thornton Creek Alliance, and DIRT Corps; and enthusiastic teens from a wide variety of backgrounds. The brook for which the area is named runs south from the city boundary with Shoreline at 27th Avenue NE to Meadowbrook Pond. It is paved over for most of that distance, and water quality plummets once the brook surfaces in a small wooded area in Little Brook Park. Over a few days this past summer, Youth Corps members cleared brush and ivy and hundreds of branches—and collected some hypodermic syringes—to open up the area around the brook and reclaim it as public space.

In an area dense with apartment buildings and just blocks from the traffic of Lake City Way, Little Brook Park is the only green space within a half-mile walk for nearly 4,500 residents. The Youth Corps outfitted participants in new boots and paid a living-wage stipend in addition to providing valuable work experience. Applications to join the Youth Corps were distributed at the Lake City branch library and the local teen center, and 57 young people applied for just 10 spots.

Youth Corps participants were chosen for their leadership potential, a quality in evidence when they hosted a community event in the park at the end of their project.



Photo courtesy of Brit Le



This page is an excerpt from the Seattle Parks Foundation. Full article on the Little Brook Youth Corps can be found here: <https://www.seattleparksfoundation.org/publications/>

# PEOPLE'S ACADEMY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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**PEOPLE'S ACADEMY FOR  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The **People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE)** focuses on leadership development and skill building of emerging leaders in a multicultural, participatory, adult-learning environment. Over the course of the program, participants learn hands-on strategies for community building, inclusive engagement, and accessing government from experts in the field.

## Pop-Up PACE Model

The Pop-Up model was created in 2017 as a strategy to include more under-represented groups in the PACE program. We recognized that there were inherent cost, travel, and time barriers to the regular PACE model (i.e. the cost of tuition, the fact that classes are held in central Seattle, and the 5-weekend time commitment). Pop-Up PACE aims to reduce these 3 barriers so that PACE is more accessible to under-represented groups who may be challenged by such barriers.

The three principles that shape the Pop-Up model include:

- **Stand-alone workshop**

Rather than requiring a 5-week commitment, a Pop-Up is offered as a one-time workshop, and focuses on one topic (e.g. accessing city government, public speaking, budget process, etc.). This topic is in part decided by the community, and is determined through the outreach process.

- **Held at a time and location convenient to the community**

To reduce the need to travel, a Pop-Up is held at a time and location that is convenient to the target participants. The location should be a place where folks already meet, such as a local restaurant, community center, library, park, or other.

- **Free for participants**

A Pop-Up attendee pays nothing to participate. The cost of providing the workshop is subsidized by the revenue generated by the regular PACE program tuition.

# PEOPLE'S ACADEMY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Pop-Up occurred on September 11th, 2017 from 6-8pm in a tutoring center located within a low-income housing complex (Seattle Housing Authority).

The topic of the workshop was “Accessing City Government.” The lesson was facilitated jointly by Tracy Burrows (Municipal Research and Services Center) and Hilary Nichols (PACE Coordinator). Three Community Liaisons (Spanish, Amharic, and Tigrinya) attended to provide as-needed translation and interpretation.

The workshop focused on answering four main questions:

- Where is city government?
- What is city government?
- If I see an issue in my community and I want the City to know about it, what should I do?
- If I see an issue in my community and I want to do something about it, what should I do?

## Outcomes

- 19 people attended the 2-hour workshop
- On average, participants increased their score on the pre-assessment by 88%
- Before the Pop-Up:
  - 50% of participants did not know which Seattle City Council district they live in
  - 40% of participants could not name their Seattle City Councilmember
  - 50% of participants could not correctly identify a reason to call the Customer Service Bureau (CSB)
- After the Pop-Up
  - 100% of participants know their city council district
  - 100% of participants know who their councilmember is
  - 100% of participants could correctly identify a reason why you might call CSB





# YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE

## Your Voice, Your Choice: Crossing Improvements at 30th Ave NE & NE 137th St

Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets is a participatory budgeting initiative in which Seattle residents democratically decide how to spend a portion of the City's budget on small-scale park and street improvements.

**Description:** Add a flashing beacon on 30th Ave NE at NE 137th St to make crossing safer

**Cost:** \$48,600

### Current Status:

Not funded. However, this project received a lot of community support and is eligible to be on the 2018 ballot. More details on 2018 Idea Collection will be available in the next few months. Contact Kraig Cook at [kraig.cook@seattle.gov](mailto:kraig.cook@seattle.gov) for more information.



Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice>

# WHAT DO I DO WITH NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND LANCETS?

Needles, syringes, and lancets are considered biomedical waste and dangerous litter and require proper disposal. It is illegal in Seattle to put sharps in the trash, as it is dangerous for sanitation workers. If you use or find sharps, information on how to properly dispose of used sharps is below:

## 4 Ways for Seattle Residents to Report Sharps on City Property

1. Report sharps via the Find it, Fix it Mobile App: [www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app](http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app)
2. Call the illegal dumping hotline at (206) 684-7587 Monday to Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
3. Complete an Illegal Dumping Report which you can find online at [www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/).
4. Contact the Parks Maintenance Request Line to report sharps on City of Seattle **parks grounds** Monday to Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm, at (206) 684-7250. After hours, contact the Park Duty Officer at (206) 982-4583.

## Tips for picking up sharps on private property

If you find sharps on private property in your neighborhood, use these tips to maximize your safety:

- To pick up sharps safely, you will need at least a **sharps container** (i.e. old detergent bottle, coffee tin, other thick plastic container), **gloves**, a **grabber tool** (i.e. tongs, pliers, tweezers), and **closed-toed shoes**
- Treat all discarded sharps/needles as if contaminated
- Never pick up discarded sharp/needles with your bare hands. Wearing **gloves** can protect against fluid contamination, but not punctures or cuts
- Do not attempt to recap a syringe if found uncapped
- Place the puncture proof container on a flat surface. Do not hold the container while disposing of the sharp. Use your **grabber tool** to pick up the sharp/needle
- Pick up the sharp/needle by the barrel (the part farthest away from the needle point), pointing the sharp tip away from your body
- Recap the container, and secure with tape
- Dispose of the grabber tool or rinse with a bleach solution
- Wash your hands and other exposed areas with soap and water afterwards
- Deliver the container to one of the six sharps bins located throughout the city

*City staff can clean up discarded sharps in public areas but are unable to remove sharps from private property. If you are unsure if a discarded sharp is on public or private property call the Customer Service Bureau at (206) 684-2489 (CITY) for advice.*

# WHAT DO I DO WITH NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND LANCETS?

## Tips for Disposing of Sharps from Private Property

- Avoid walking a far distance holding a sharp/needle.
- Place the needle point down into the sharps container.
- Hold the container by the top when carrying.

## Where to Dispose Sharps from Private Property

**In the City of Seattle, it is *illegal* to dispose of needles, lancets, and syringes in your regular garbage can or recycling container.**

- If you do not have a sharps container, make one from an empty household container that cannot be punctured, stays upright, is made of heavy-duty plastic, does not leak, and that has a tight-fitting lid.
- Do not use a milk container, glass container, water bottle, or soda can to make a sharps container.
- If you make your own sharps container, clearly label the container "SHARPS, DO NOT RECYCLE." Make sure to tape the top on securely.
- Sharps drop boxes are available 24 hours a day at the following locations through Seattle Public Utilities:
  - Dr. José Rizal Park (1007 12th Ave S, Seattle, 98144)
  - Intersection of Airport Way South and South Holgate Street
  - Intersection of 27th Avenue South and Cheasty Boulevard South (center median)
  - Fremont Canal Park (199 North Canal St, Seattle, WA 98103)
  - Freeway Park (700 Seneca St)
  - Licton Springs Park (9536 Ashworth Ave N, Seattle, 98103)
  - Mineral Springs Park (1500 North 105th St, Seattle, WA 98133)
  - Roxhill Park (2850 SW Roxbury St, Seattle, WA 98126)
  - Westcrest Park (9000 8th Ave SW, Seattle, 98106)
- Check with your pharmacy or healthcare provider to dispose of sharps containers. Medical sharps such as lancets may also be placed in one of the disposal bins listed above.

## Sharps Collection Pilot Program

Visit [www.seattle.gov/util/sharps](http://www.seattle.gov/util/sharps) to learn more about the City's Sharps Collection Pilot Program and to see a map of the nine secure sharps disposal boxes throughout the city. Sharps can also be disposed of at the North and South Transfer Stations.

**Bring full sharps containers to the new North Transfer Station (1350 North 34th Street) or the South Transfer Station (130 South Kenyon Street) from 8:00am-5:30pm, 7 days a week. It is free to dispose of one sharps container per trip.**

## Questions on Sharps Disposal?

- Visit <http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/SharpsCollection/index.htm> or call Seattle Public Utilities at (206) 931-5411 or (206) 684-3326
- Visit [www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/hiv/resources/disposal.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/hiv/resources/disposal.aspx) or call Seattle-King County Public Health at (206) 263-2000

# COMMUNITY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

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