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AT YOUR SERVICE

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

Spring into Action!

5 Steps to a Healthy & Chemical-Free Garden

You can get beautiful gardens and delicious chemical-free food while helping to fight climate change, conserve water, protect water quality, and prevent waste.

1. Build Healthy Soil

Prepare flower and vegetable beds by mixing in 1 to 3 inches of compost every 2 to 3 years.

2. Choose the Right Plant for the Right Place

Find plants that grow well in the Pacific Northwest and fit the sun, soil, and water available in your yard.

3. Water Wisely

Mulch trees and shrubs with wood chips or fallen leaves to conserve water, reduce weeds, and feed the soil. Only water when the soil is dry and the plants need it.

4. Avoid Pesticides and Herbicides

Instead of spraying, select disease- and pest-resistant plants, and pull weeds before they go to seed.

5. Practice Natural Lawn Care

Leave the clippings on the lawn feeds the soil with organic matter and free fertilizer, which does not cause thatch or fungal diseases.



Garden Hotline

Get your questions answered by experts for free by calling **(206) 633-0224** (Mon - Sat, 9am - 5pm; interpretation services available) or emailing help@gardenhotline.org.

Learn more ways to practice natural yard care at GardenHotline.org.



Trees For Seattle

Trees for Seattle helps residents care for and grow trees to help clean stormwater, provide cooling shade, and keep our neighborhoods healthy.

You can volunteer to care for trees, learn more about them, and receive free trees for your space with this program!

Find more at seattle.gov/trees.



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Ship Canal Water Quality Project

Investing in the Health of the Sound and the Future of Our Region

Since tunneling began on the 2.7-mile, 18-foot, 10-inch diameter storage tunnel in mid-2021, our tunnel boring machine has tunneled more than 9,100 feet from Ballard to Fremont. After a planned maintenance stop, MudHoney is now making its way through Fremont to the final destination in Wallingford.

More about the project

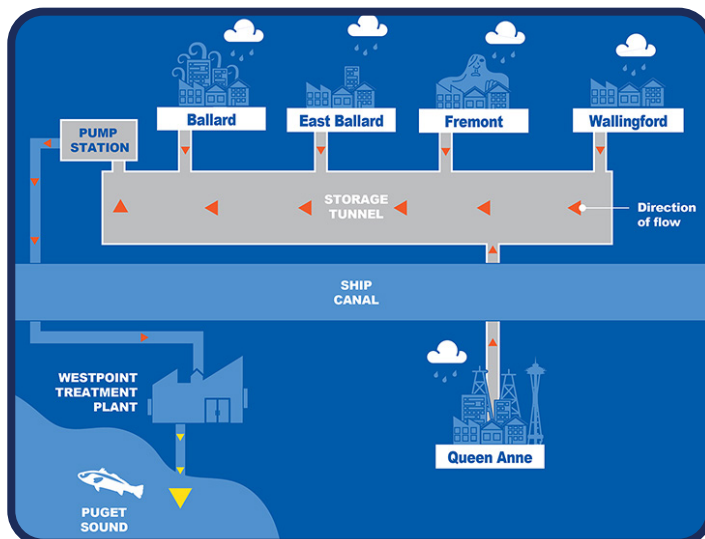
Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division are working together to help create a healthy future for Puget Sound – and all of us – by building an underground storage tunnel to significantly reduce the amount of polluted stormwater (from rain) and sewage that flows into our waters each year.



Once completed, the Ship Canal Water Quality Project will protect our waters from 75 million gallons of polluted stormwater and sewage on average each year. Learn more at <https://spushipcanal.participate.online/>

How will the new storage tunnel work?

During heavy rains, the storage tunnel will collect more than 29 million gallons of stormwater and sewage via five vertical shafts in Ballard, East Ballard, Fremont, Queen Anne, and Wallingford and temporarily hold it. When the rainstorm passes, the stored stormwater and sewage will be sent to King County's West Point Wastewater Treatment Plant in Magnolia.



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Meet MudHoney, Our Tunnel Boring Machine



In early 2021, we asked the community to help us name the storage tunnel boring machine. We received over 1,200 name submissions and more than 30,000 votes were cast.

The winning name was MudHoney, after one of Seattle's famous grunge bands, and the name was painted on the tunnel boring machine by Devin Finley, a muralist who specializes in large scale inspired murals.

Fun Fact: MudHoney will remove roughly 400,000 tons of dirt in the process of building the new storage tunnel.

Contact Us

24/7 Emergency Services

(e.g. flooding, water leaks, sewer backups)

- (206) 386-1800

Report Problems

(e.g. graffiti, illegal dumping, needles)

- www.seattle.gov/utilities
- www.seattle.gov/finditfixitapp
- (206) 684-7587

Customer Service

- www.seattle.gov/utilities
- www.seattle.gov/utilities/emailus
- (206) 684-3000 M-F, 7:30am-6pm