MEET **John Inch and Jacqueline Fuller**

EnviroChallenger educators

John and Jacqueline are six-year employees with the City of Tacoma EnviroChallenger program, providing free environmental lessons to Tacoma students in grades 2-8 as well as public outreach through community events.

If you have children in the Tacoma School District, encourage their teachers to book an EnviroChallenger lesson this school year.
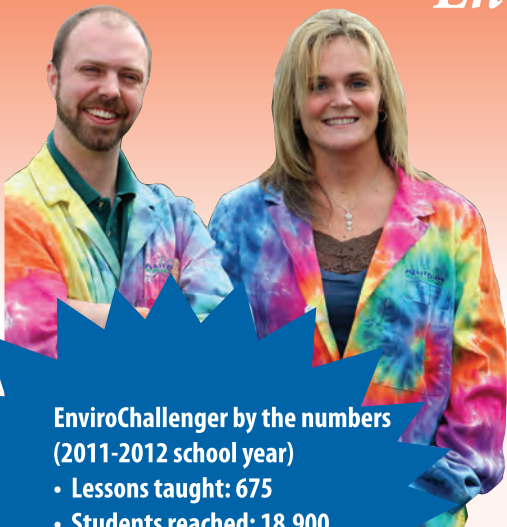
EnviroChallenger by the numbers (2011-2012 school year)
- **Lessons taught: 675**
- **Students reached: 18,900**
- **Community events attended: 20**

Enviro CHALLENGER
City of Tacoma

Keep storm drains clear of leaves

Clogged storm drains can cause streets and homes to flood. Help prevent that by clearing leaves and yard waste from storm drains, sidewalks and curbs.

How to dispose of yard waste properly:
- Use as compost in your garden
- Place in your brown yard waste container for pickup
- Take to the Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S. Mullen St., Tacoma (no additional fee for City of Tacoma residential customers)

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www.cityoftacoma.org/leaves • Yard waste questions: (253) 591-5543 • Report flooding: (253) 591-5585

24-hour Water Pollution Hotline

(253) 383-2429

Activities to report include:

- Construction site runoff
- Spills
- People dumping oil, chemicals or other waste into or near storm drains, creeks, lakes or Commencement Bay

For emergencies, please call 911.

The pollution hotline is a joint venture between City of Tacoma Environmental Services and Citizens for a Healthy Bay. Callers can remain anonymous.

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What does your contractor do with dirty water?

When you hire a carpet cleaning, painting or pressure-washing service for your home, make sure your contractor has a plan for keeping dirty water out of storm drains.

Disposing of dirty water and hazardous materials down storm drains is illegal because these substances are toxic to aquatic life. (Even biodegradable soaps are toxic to fish.)