



Art Submission Guidelines / Selection Process

The City of Tacoma EnviroHouse accepts art submissions from Western Washington artists who create works using a minimum of 75% recycled or “found” materials. Exhibits are displayed for a minimum three month period at the EnviroHouse, a permanent model home environment promoting green building and sustainable lifestyles.

Artwork Desired

Functional art, 2-D and 3-D art is desired for display. All artwork must include a minimum of 75% recycled, salvaged or “found” materials.

- **2-dimensional artwork**

All 2-D artwork must be prepared for immediate installation. Artists must provide appropriate hanging cleats, wires, and/or frames. The EnviroHouse staff will direct the installation of the exhibit and will provide standard hanging hooks.

- **3-dimensional artwork**

All 3-D artwork must be prepared for immediate installation. Sculpture selection criterion includes size, suitability for the display environment and safe locations for installation.

- **Functional artwork**

Examples include furnishings (lamps, tables, coat stands, chairs), accessories (pottery, weavings, wood carvings, bowls) wearable art (clothing, purses, jewelry) and more. Work is displayed in-situ.

2010 Exhibit Schedule:

January 30 – April 30, current display

May 1 – July 30, submission deadline: March 24

August 1 – October 30, submission deadline: June 24

November 1 – January 30, submission deadline: September 24

How to apply:

See Call for Art posted on EnviroHouse website or on TacomaArt listserv

- Submit images of proposed work for display (10 maximum) via e-mail or on a CD
- Submit a description of artwork for display including title, size and material used
- Submit promotional bio and artist’s statement (150-250 words each)
- Submit Hold Harmless Agreement (must be signed prior to display if work is accepted)

Send Submissions (mail or e-mail) to:

EnviroHouse Coordinator
Solid Waste Management
3510 S. Mullen St.
Tacoma, WA 98409

EHouse@cityoftacoma.org

Phone: (253) 573-2426

Hours: Wed.-Fri., 10-3; Sat.-Sun., 11-5

www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse

Art selection/display process

- A panel of representatives from the funding partners of the EnviroHouse will select artists and pieces for display.
- Selected art will be displayed at the EnviroHouse for a minimum of three months. Artists may be selected for a solo show or as part of a group show.
- Selected artwork cannot be sold from the EnviroHouse and cannot be displayed with price or procurement information.
- The artist’s name will be posted with each piece, and artist contact information will be available in a notebook so if EnviroHouse visitors are interested in discussing or purchasing artwork, they may contact the artist.
- The City provides a secure environment but will not be liable for artwork while it is on display at the EnviroHouse. Artists are required to sign a waiver.

Artist reception and event publicity

- An artist reception will be held for each new show at the EnviroHouse the second Sunday of the month following the date the show opens. Event hours are 2 to 4 p.m.
- Artists may use their mailing lists to invite their contacts to the event but the City will not do a direct mailing for the event. The City may, at its own discretion, choose to publicize the show through existing communication vehicles.

About the EnviroHouse

The City of Tacoma EnviroHouse is a hands-on showcase of green building and landscape ideas, materials and techniques that create a healthy home and yard. Featuring the latest advances in green building design and construction, the EnviroHouse champions the benefits of sustainable living and building practices to homeowners, builders, suppliers, landscapers, real estate agents and the public, while highlighting readily available products for new and existing homes and yards.

In addition to more than 150 permanent green products, the EnviroHouse features an ongoing, rotating art exhibit by Western Washington artists who use existing materials in their work.

The EnviroHouse is located at the City of Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S. Mullen Street; it is staffed and open to the public Wed.-Fri., 10-3 and Sat.-Sun., 11-5.

For more information, contact the EnviroHouse coordinator:

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