You can help prevent flooding.

- Clear drainage areas near your home and business.
- Dispose of leaves and yard waste properly by composting, donating your yard waste to a community garden or dropping it off at the City Landfill.
- Direct downspouts at least 10 feet away from your home or business.
- Prevent back, sink or downspout drainage onto streets and alleys.
- Clear gutters, basement and outdoor drains.
- Use a broom or rake to clear gutters and catch basins.
- Never use your fire hydrant to drain downspouts.
- Clear maintenance areas near drainage structures.
- Never use your fire hydrant to drain downspouts.

New Year's Day).
**EnviroKIDS - GET YOUR FRUIT POPPIN'!**

**What's that WORD?**

Below are several statements that can be found in this issue of EnviroKids. Each sentence has a missing word or phrase. Can you find the best answer to place before each set of three words in the Solution? If you find the correct word, it will be featured in the next issue of EnviroKids.

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2. **potting soil**
3. **flake**
4. **add**
5. **trim**

**Solution:**

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**Win a Free Oregon Winter Hoody!**

Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/envirokids to find the most up-to-date information and register to win a free Oregon winter hoody! The drawing will take place on February 28, 2013. Don't forget to enter the correct word in the blanks before each word in the puzzle.

**Don’t freak, we’re going every other week!**

Heads up! In spring 2013, Solid Waste Management begins a 10-month-long phased implementation of the switch to every-other-week garbage collection. Where you live will determine the day your garbage is collected. As the change approaches your neighborhood, you may notice changes in your schedule and to register.

**No Yard Waste?**

Food waste is still recyclable! With yard waste, you can compost it or use it as soil amendment throughout the year. When there are no more leaves, you can put your grass clippings in your yard waste container to good use by filling it with food scraps and yard waste clippings. For a more complete list of what you can recycle at home, go to www.TacomaRecycles.org/recyclables.

**What you need:**

- Transparent tape
- Wrapping paper
- Recycled tissue or recycled paper
- Scissors
- Embellishments
- Markers, stickers
- Toilet paper tube
- Cardboard tube
- Duct tape
- Chalk

**Instructions:**

1. Flip the toilet paper tube stand (in sections small enough to fit inside your brown paper bag)
2. Tape one edge of the paper in the center of the toilet paper tube
3. Fill the other end of the toilet paper tube with cardboard tubes
4. Wrap the paper around the toilet paper tube stand
5. Twist the open end of the toilet paper tube stand

**Done!**

You have a present that will stand on its own and will not fall over."