Holiday Collection Schedule

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*For more information, call 253-591-5543 or visit www.cityoftacoma.org/surfacewater.*

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- **Solid Waste Management**
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- **Hazardous Waste**
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  - www.cityoftacoma.org/leaves

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**EnviRoTalk**

*Recycle your Christmas tree*

City's Recycling Center. If your Christmas tree (unflocked, cut your tree, decked out as a Christmas tree) won't fit inside your brown yard waste container or take them to the Tacoma Landfill (no extra charge for Christmas trees). Trees left outside the container are not collected.

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If your regular pickup day is... Your pickup day will be...

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**Surface Water**

- Keep storm drains clear of leaves and debris.

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**Wastewater**

- Direct downspouts at least 10 feet away from your home or business.

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**Holiday**

- Dispose of leaves and yard waste properly.
- Prevent flooding by using a broom or rake; use your dam and levee as needed to prevent flooding.
- Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains and gutters clear.
- Call 253-591-5543 for more information.

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**What to do with UNWANTED HOLIDAY GIFT LEFTOVERS**

- You can help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains and gutters clear.
- Call 253-591-5543 for more information.
Don’t flush, we’re going every other week
Handwritten message:
Dear City of Tacoma Solid Waste Management Division,
In Solid Waste Management Department.
At your request, your city has switched to every other week garbage collection for all residential customers. We appreciate your cooperation as we begin this new service.
Sincerely,
City of Tacoma Solid Waste Management Division

Recycling Information:
What NOT to flush:
- Grease
- Paper towels
- Diapers (cloth, disposable)
- Wipes of any kind (even those labeled "flushable")
- Pet waste bags
- Bath salts

Eco-Find:
Think inside the jar
This holiday season use the same old jars to make your own party poppers.

No Yard Waste: Food waste is still recyclable
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Watch that water!
Have your water heater drain, clean and service every other year. Contact the service provider of your choice for all your home and garden workshops at the EnviroHouse will begin in February 2013. For a complete schedule, please visit www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse

Little known facts:
- Get your party poppin’
- Free home and garden workshops at the EnviroHouse will begin in February 2013
- On average, a household generates 1-5 pounds of food waste every week
- Only 20% of food waste is currently being recycled
- Food waste is the most common material accepted for recycling
- Food waste generally makes up about 3% of the waste generated by households
- Most people believe that food waste can be recycled

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Answers:

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Gardening Tips:
- Include a variety of plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds
- Mulch helps keep moisture in the soil
- Use native plants

DIY Laundry Detergent:
In a large bowl, mix together the powdered Ivory soap, borax and washing soda. Place inside clear bag and seal. Fill the other end of the bag with water and let sit for 24 hours. Use one cup of mixture for every load. This is a low-suds formula and can be used in both HE (high efficiency) and standard washing machines and one to two tablespoons for small loads. This is a low-suds formula and can be used in both HE (high efficiency) and standard washing machines and one to two tablespoons for small loads.

CADL wet wipes:
Candies that are wrapped in cellophane and clear plastic
Candy or small toys (if you’re making)
Paper tube (one for the middle of the tube)
Transparent tape
Wrapping paper
Scissors
Embellishments
Markers, stickers or embellishments
Decorate your party popper with marker, stickers or embellishments.
Tie the ends with curling ribbon, and secure with tape. Fill the other end of the tube with candy or other toy. Wrap your food in transparent tape.
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