How to Find the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center

3510 S. Mullen St.
Tacoma, WA 98409
(Formerly Tacoma Landfill)

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week*

RECYCLING CENTER AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
seven days a week*
CONTACT US at 3-1-1
or (253) 502-2100

ENVIROHOUSE
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday*
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday*
CONTACT US at 3-1-1 or (253) 573-2426

*TACOMA RECOVERY & TRANSFER CENTER
& focuses on ‘materials recovery’

With a new focus comes a new name – the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center.

The Tacoma Landfill has been fondly referred to by many names since it opened in 1960. Yet with the closure of landfill operations at the 240-acre site in 2012, the City of Tacoma has repurposed the former landfill with a primary focus on the recovery and transfer of materials.

Now, the new Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center name reflects the state-of-the-art facility, which provides many opportunities to divert and recover materials from the waste stream. Mattresses, metal, wood products and cardboard are examples of items that often make their way into the garbage, yet can be recovered and recycled.

The City is committed to sustainability through partnership with its customers. Together we can reduce the waste we send to the landfill.

Tacoma Solid Waste Management is committed to providing cost-effective and sustainable services for ratepayers with a focus on reducing waste through reusing, recycling and composting materials.
Cleaning out your garage?

With fall just around the corner, you may be thinking about cleaning out your garage. Remember:

- Use Call-2-Haul bulk disposal service for items too large to fit in your garbage container. Call (253) 573-2468 to make an appointment for either pickup at your home or drop-off at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center. Solid Waste customers living in single-family homes and duplexes are allowed two pickups or self-hauls each year.

- Drop off leftover and unwanted hazardous products at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. This includes cleaning products, lawn and garden chemicals, oil-based paints and stains, and anything else labeled caution, warning, danger, poison, hazardous, harmful, or fatal if swallowed.

cityoftacoma.org/call2haul

cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste

Free home & garden workshops at the EnviroHouse

Registration required. Please go to cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse or call (253) 573-2426.

Schedule is subject to change.

September
6  10:30 a.m.  Landscape Stewardship: Using Water Wisely
13  10:30 a.m.  Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting
20  10:30 a.m.  Planning & Planting a Winter Garden
27  10:30 a.m.  Depave, Reduce Maintenance & Go Green

October
4  10:30 a.m.  Ductless Heat Pump: Advantages & Incentives
11  10:30 a.m.  Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting
12  1:30 p.m.  Rain Barrels: How to Make & Maintain
18  10:30 a.m.  Bright Ideas, Smart Lighting: LEDs at Home
25  10:30 a.m.  Prune Like the Pros: Landscape Trees
25  1 p.m.  Tree Selection: Right Tree – Right Place

Location: Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (formerly the Tacoma Landfill), 3510 S. Mullen St., 98409. Directions on EnviroHouse website.

Workshops open to Tacoma & Pierce County residents.

EnviroHouse hours: Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

A thin layer of TAGRO Magic can work on your lawn

Give your yard a little attention this fall, and you’ll be ready to enjoy a beautiful lawn next spring.

1. Thatch or plug dense or well-rooted lawns.
2. Mow the lawn short.
3. Spread a thin layer (about 1/4-inch deep) of TAGRO Mix.
4. Water well, and get ready to enjoy a lush and lovely lawn.

Consider overseeding your entire lawn. Spread grass seed over the TAGRO Mix on your existing lawn at about half the rate needed for a new lawn.

TAGRO products – Mix, Topsoil, Potting Soil and Aged Black Bark – are available year-round for pickup or delivery.

TAGRO
2201 E. Portland Ave., Gate 6
(253) 502-2150
tagro.com

Answer key for puzzle in the Summer 2014 issue:

B X M F H S O U N D V M E M F

N U S V U F S X X W U Q L C U

F F R B R S F I C U D H O O A

N P M R W O P T S E W Z C R R

I I W V K R R E O N P I T Q N

C R A I P J V Z N N E I Y P N

C L H I S A A N M S R S U H G

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Central Treatment Plant gets a new floodwall

The Pierce County Flood Control Zone District is providing $6 million to build a floodwall around Tacoma’s Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project was selected because flooding could send untreated wastewater into waterways, damaging public health, water-based businesses, recreation and wildlife.

Construction began in spring 2014 and will take about a year.

TAGRO is open during construction.

Answer key for puzzle in the Summer 2014 issue:

Z U T Q E M I Z X R X E G J B U U
N U S Y U F S X X W U Q L C U
P S U S T A I N A B L E U B C
Rake ‘em Up:
Keep leaves out of the street to prevent floods

Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by clearing leaves from storm drains, sidewalks and curbs.

You can:
- Use leaves as compost in your garden.
- Place leaves in your brown yard/food waste container for pickup.
- Take leaves and yard waste to the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center. There’s no additional fee for City of Tacoma residential customers. Please keep your loads covered!

City of Tacoma residents are responsible for collecting and disposing of leaves and other debris from their property, including the area between their sidewalk and the street.

cityoftacoma.org/leaves
Yard waste questions: (253) 502-2100
Report flooding: (253) 591-5585

Watch
For storm damage to trees

Wind, rain, ice and snow can be downright mean to trees. Regular maintenance goes a long way toward preventing storm damage. Experts recommend a checkup by an arborist every few years – and more often for larger, older trees, especially after storms.

For trees on public property or in the right-of-way:
- To report a potentially hazardous tree, call 3-1-1 or Tacoma Cares at (253) 591-5001 or email TacomaCares@cityoftacoma.org.
- To report a tree emergency, call Street Operations at (253) 591-5495.

Tree emergencies on public property or in the right-of-way include:
- A fallen tree blocking a street, sidewalk or alley.
- A large branch blocking a street, sidewalk or alley.
- A tree splitting.
- A large branch hanging over a street or sidewalk, or overhanging private property.
- Any other immediate hazard on public property or City right-of-way.

For tips on dealing with trees and storm damage, and tree care, including how to hire an arborist: cityoftacoma.org/urbanforestry
CALL FOR A TREE DISCOUNT COUPON
If you’re planning to buy a tree for your property or the planting strip next to your property, you may qualify for a discount from a local nursery.

cityoftacoma.org/treestreet

Plant the right tree in the right place

Follow these placement guidelines:

- Under overhead power lines, plant trees that will grow no taller than 25 feet.
- Consider the available root space and how wide the mature tree will be when placing trees near permanent structures.
- Locate trees where they won’t obstruct street lights, traffic signs and sight distance at intersections.
- Don’t plant directly over underground utilities or property lines. Leave a 5-foot buffer, especially if you’re unsure where the property line is. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: Call 811 to find out where underground utilities are located.
- Plant at least two feet from pavement. This means no trees in planting strips less than 4 feet wide.

Good placement won’t guarantee a healthy tree with no conflicts, but following these guidelines will make it much more likely.

Free workshops on tree pruning and placement are planned for Oct. 25 at the EnviroHouse.
## Garbage & recycling

**Holiday collection schedule**

If your regular garbage/recycling or yard/food waste collection day falls on these holidays or the days following the holiday, your collection will be one day late during that week.

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For more information:
- Call (253) 502-2100 for questions about holiday schedules.
- Collection calendar with holiday schedule specific to your home: [TacomaRecycles.org/collectioncalendar](http://TacomaRecycles.org/collectioncalendar)