



If your car leaks, fix it.

When your car leaks oil or fluids onto the street or your driveway, it flows *untreated* down storm drains to the nearest stream, river, lake ... and into Puget Sound.

Oil doesn't dissolve in water, which means it sticks around for a long time. It's toxic to people, wildlife and plants.

Puget Sound is in trouble ... you are the solution.

Find out more and download discounts at www.pugetsoundstartshere.org.

Puget Sound Starts Here.org

Not sure that drip is yours? Place clean cardboard under your car overnight and see what shows up.

(Note: Cardboard stained with oil or automotive fluids should be discarded in the garbage.)

Reduce your junk mail electronically

- **www.dmchoice.org**: Free, removes your name from association members' lists
- **www.directmail.com**: Free, click on "National Do Not Mail List"
- **www.optoutprescreen.com**: Free, stops prescreened credit and insurance solicitations
- **www.catalogchoice.org**: Free, allows you to decline paper catalogs
- **www.newdream.org/junkmail**: \$1 processing fee may apply, template to create letters you send yourself
- **www.usjunkmail.com**: \$2.95 per month, tree planted on your behalf
- **www.private-citizen.com**: \$10 basic annual membership
- **www.stopthejunkmail.com**: \$19.95 one-year subscription, tree planted on your behalf
- **<http://precycle.tonic.com>**: \$36 one-time fee, five trees planted on your behalf, reusable bag, two CFLs
- **www.41pounds.org**: \$41 for five-year service, 1/3 of the fee is donated to a nonprofit organization

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2010 solid waste, surface water and wastewater rates

Solid waste, surface water and wastewater utility rates will increase in 2010. Here's how typical single-family Tacoma residents will be affected by the higher cost of delivering services:

Curbside garbage

(per month)	2009	2010
20-gallon can	\$24.75	\$25.25
30-gallon can	\$33.85	\$35.35
60-gallon can	\$50.85	\$57.00
90-gallon can	\$69.05	\$79.35

What you're paying for: Collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste; landfill transfer facility; transportation and disposal of waste material at a landfill; environmental stewardship; and special programs such as Call-2-Haul, low-income elderly discounts, the nuisance cleanup program, self-haul discounts and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Wastewater

(per month)	2009	2010
Typical residence	\$37.22	\$39.56

(7 ccf of fresh water used)

What you're paying for: Operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection and treatment system; upgrades to the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Surface Water

(per month)	2009	2010
Typical residential lot	\$15.08	\$16.27

(7,000 square feet)

What you're paying for: Operation and maintenance of stormwater pipes and catch basins; pollution prevention; efforts to control urban flooding; stormwater system inspections and monitoring; restoration.

Why are rates going up?

Maintenance costs, environmental regulations and upgrades to Tacoma's infrastructure are some of the things that cause rates to increase. Surface water rates, in particular, are increasing due to federal requirements for inspections and monitoring.

How can I cut my costs?

- **Reduce waste and recycle everything you can.** If you consistently produce less garbage, you can use a smaller container and pay less.
- **Use less water during the winter.** Residential wastewater charges are based on the average of four months' winter water use.



www.cityoftacoma.org/esrates
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