MEET JOHN S.
Source Control Representative

John works for the Surface Water and Wastewater utilities, spending a lot of his time inspecting businesses for proper storage and disposal of harmful chemicals and large amounts of cooking grease. He also responds to sewage overflows, spill cleanups and flooding. When John isn’t responding to urgent calls, he is educating businesses and homeowners about what they can do to help keep pollutants off the ground and out of our local waterways.

You can help too! Make sure nothing but rain goes down the drain.

Solid waste, surface water and wastewater utility rates have increased for 2012. Here’s how typical single-family Tacoma residents will be affected by the higher cost of delivering services.

**Curbside garbage (per month)**
- 30-gallon can: $35.95 (2011), $36.55 (2012)
- 60-gallon can: $62.75 (2011), $68.50 (2012)
- 90-gallon can: $90.00 (2011), $100.65 (2012)

**Surface Water (per month)**
- Typical residential lot: $17.00 (2011), $17.82 (2012)

**Wastewater (per month)**
- Typical residence: $41.05 (2011), $42.94 (2012)

More information on rates - including what you get for the money, how to save and what to do if you need help paying your bill - is on the City’s website.

Visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/esrates](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/esrates) for more information.