

Got a leaky car?

Get it fixed – with a discount – July through September

When it rains, oil and other toxic fluids that leak from your vehicle get washed into nearby storm drains and travel directly – untreated – to local streams, lakes, rivers and Puget Sound.

Every drop of oil on your driveway can affect the life of your car and means bad news for fish. So be sure to fix that leak and improve your car's safety and reliability this summer.

Go to www.fixcarleaks.org to find a list of participating mechanics offering:

- free leak checks at a value up to \$80
- 10 percent off leak repairs (up to \$50)

Need to save up before a repair? Place cardboard under your car when it's parked so you catch any drips. (Cardboard stained with automotive fluids should be placed in the garbage.)



Summertime = Aged Black Bark Time

This is a great time to add Aged Black Bark to your garden. This product, available through TAGRO, is a low-nutrient ground cover and weed barrier. It can also be incorporated into soil to increase the amount of organic matter.

Aged Black Bark is similar to traditional beauty bark, but has been ground finer – and it's black – so most gardeners think it's more attractive.

For a high-nutrient product to give your lawn or garden a boost, try **TAGRO Mix** or **TAGRO Potting Soil**.

*Let TAGRO premium soil products help get your garden growing.
Available year-round for pickup or delivery.*

2201 Portland Ave., Gate 6, Tacoma (253) 502-2150
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TAGRO Summer Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon

Don't let people trash Tacoma

Garbage dumped on city roadways, streets and alleys affects our safety, property values and quality of life. And it costs you when City crews have to clean it up.

If you see garbage – such as tires, mattresses, furniture and construction materials – dumped on the side of the road, call (253) 591-5001.

If possible, give the location of the illegal dumping; the make, model and license tag number of the vehicle used to carry the items to the site; and the date and time when the dumping occurred. If you want to be contacted about your report, please remember to include a phone number or email address in your message.

Got garbage?

- Take advantage of Tacoma's Call-2-Haul service – (253) 573-2468
- Call Tacoma Solid Waste Management to find out how you can dispose of it safely and legally – (253) 502-2100

TacomaRecycles.org



Old mattresses go from landfill to a new life

Instead of taking up space in a landfill, your old mattress is now being recycled in Tacoma. Solid Waste Management has contracted with NW Furniture Bank to use its Spring Back Mattress Recycling program. The program accepts used mattresses and takes them apart; 90 percent of the material can be recycled.

The program is easy to use:

- Drop off dry, lightly soiled mattresses at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (formerly the Tacoma Landfill) seven days a week between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Landfill fees for large furniture items apply (City residential and commercial customers, \$11 for the first four items and \$11 for each additional item, plus additional charge based on weight of load; Non-City residential and commercial customers, \$40 per load, plus charge for weight of load).

