

Make a difference with a **Make a Splash** grant



Get up to \$4,000 from **Surface Water Management** for projects that help keep our local waterways pollution-free.

Make a Splash grants fund projects that address preventing stormwater pollution or protecting and restoring our local lakes, streams, rivers and Puget Sound. Projects that tie in with the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign (www.PugetSoundStartsHere.org) are encouraged.

Past projects have included videos, multilingual outreach efforts, classroom experiences, and monitoring and stewardship projects.



www.cityoftacoma.org/environmentalservices

Applications and details are on the City's website.
Deadline is May 20, 2013. (253) 502-2126
www.cityoftacoma.org/makeasplash

2013 SOLID WASTE, SURFACE WATER & WASTEWATER RATES

Surface water and wastewater utility rates have increased for 2013, but rates aren't going up for solid waste customers using 30-gallon garbage containers. Here's how typical single-family Tacoma residents will be affected:

www.cityoftacoma.org/esrates

Wastewater/Surface Water: (253) 502-2100

Solid Waste: (253) 591-5543

Curbside garbage (per month)	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
30-gallon can (Switching to 60 gallon can every other week)	\$36.55	\$36.55
60-gallon can (Switching to two 60 gallon cans every other week)	\$68.50	\$70.80



Surface Water (per month)	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Typical residential lot (7,000 square feet)	\$17.82	\$18.83



Wastewater (per month)	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Typical residence (7 ccf of fresh water used, based on winter usage)	\$42.94	\$44.83



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.

Aged Black Bark



Extended hours for spring at TAGRO
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Check out Aged Black Bark, the new product available through TAGRO. Aged Black Bark is a low-nutrient ground cover similar to traditional beauty bark – except that it's black. The best uses for Aged Black Bark are as a ground cover and weed barrier or it can be incorporated into soil to increase the amount of organic matter.

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 www.tagro.com

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Free home & garden workshops

March

- 9 10:30 a.m. Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting
- 10 1:30 p.m. Rain Barrels: How to Make & Maintain
- 16 10:30 a.m. Residential Lighting & Design
- 23 10:30 a.m. Backyard Chickens: Getting Started
- 30 10:30 a.m. Planning a Food Garden: Soil & Seeds

April

- 6 10:30 a.m. Tree Basics: Right Tree for the Right Place
- 13 10:30 a.m. Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting
- 13 1:30 p.m. Backyard Chickens: Getting Started
- 20 10:30 a.m. Solar Power: How It Works & Incentives
- 21 1:30 p.m. Early Gardens: Prep & Plant
- 27 10:30 a.m. Enhance Your Habitat with Native Plants

May

- 4 10:30 a.m. Rain Gardens: DIY Planning & Planting
- 11 10:30 a.m. Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting
- 18 10:30 a.m. Drip Irrigation: Residential DIY
- 19 1:30 p.m. Rain Barrels: How to Make & Maintain

Workshop location: City of Tacoma EnviroHouse, Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S. Mullen St.

Workshops are open to Tacoma and Pierce County residents. Schedule is subject to change. Advance registration required.

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