

# Clean your home, naturally

Are your household cleaners harmful to your family's health? If the labels say "caution," "warning" or "danger," the cleaners are hazardous. Make your own all-purpose cleaner using common household items.

**Mix the following ingredients in a bowl or bucket:**

- ¼ cup baking soda
- ½ cup borax (found in the laundry section of grocery stores)
- ½ cup white vinegar
- 1 gallon water

Stir vigorously to dissolve the baking soda and borax. To make this cleaner in a spray bottle, reduce the recipe accordingly and fully dissolve the ingredients to avoid clogging the nozzle. This recipe works great on countertops, floors and walls. Use with a reusable mop, sponge or rag.



# If your car leaks, fix it.

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.

**Help make sure it's only rain in the drain.**

**Need to save up for 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.)



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Many common household items such as cleaning supplies, yard chemicals and batteries are hazardous materials. Never throw hazardous products in the garbage, down the sink or toilet, into a storm drain or on the ground.

# Resource List 2012

Resource	Phone number	Website
Solid Waste Management (garbage, recycling, yard/food waste)		
General questions	591-5543	
Recorded information line	565-5955	TacomaRecycles.org
Call-2-Haul	573-2468	<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/call2haul">www.cityoftacoma.org/call2haul</a>
EnviroHouse	573-2426	<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse">www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse</a>
Hazardous waste	591-5418	<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste">www.cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste</a>
Landfill scalehouse	593-7724	
Wastewater/Surface water		
General questions	591-5588	<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/wastewater">www.cityoftacoma.org/wastewater</a>
Billing questions	502-2100	<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/surfacewater">www.cityoftacoma.org/surfacewater</a>
TAGRO	502-2150	<a href="http://www.tagro.com">www.tagro.com</a>
Street sweeping	591-5585	<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/streetsweeping">www.cityoftacoma.org/streetsweeping</a>
Water pollution hotline	383-2429	

*When calling any of the utilities, please have your account number available. Your account number is located at the top of your utility bill.*