

Take these steps to prevent flooding

- Remove leaves, plastic bags and other debris from storm drain grates near your home or business.
- Inspect your property for potential drainage problems.
- Check for clogged gutters, and direct downspouts away from your house.
- Consider installing a sump pump in crawlspaces and basements.
- If you're in an area prone to flooding, keep sandbags on hand and store valuables in a safe place.
- Consider offering help to friends, relatives and neighbors who might not be able to prepare for flood season on their own.

To report stormwater flooding or sewage backups, call: (253) 591-5595

For street maintenance, street flooding, slides or road closures, call: (253) 591-5495

www.cityoftacoma.org/flood

Are new electronics
on your wish list?

**Be sure to recycle
your old ones.**

**Recycle unwanted TVs, computers,
monitors, e-readers and tablets
– for free – through E-Cycle
Washington.**

- Find E-Cycle Washington locations:
www.ecyclewashington.org, 1-800-RECYCLE
- Find recyclers of electronics not accepted by
E-Cycle Washington:
www.takeitbacknetwork.org
(electronics may be accepted for a fee)



Puget Sound is in trouble. You can help save it.

You can protect our lakes, streams, rivers and Puget Sound through the choices you make every day. Help make sure only rain goes down the drain.

- Pick up pet waste on walks and in the backyard
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash
- Use fewer chemicals in your yard and garden
- Dispose of chemicals properly
- Fix vehicle leaks
- Plant a tree (and maintain existing ones)

It all adds up.



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What does your contractor do with dirty water?

When you hire a carpet cleaning, painting or pressure-washing service for your home, make sure your contractor has a plan for keeping dirty water out of storm drains.

Disposing of dirty water and hazardous materials down storm drains is illegal because these substances are toxic to aquatic life. (Even biodegradable soaps are toxic to fish.)

www.cityoftacoma.org/surfacewater

Tacoma: (253) 591-5588

Pierce County: (253) 798-2725



www.cityoftacoma.org/environmentalservices

