Sewer backups or drainage problems in your home could be linked to blockages in the private side sewer line that connects your home to a City of Tacoma wastewater main.

If your side sewer needs repair or replacement, you could be eligible for a low-interest loan through the City of Tacoma’s Sewer Conservation Loan Program.

Program requirements:
- Property must be within the Tacoma city limits
- Repair must be for an existing structure
- Applicants must verify ownership, income and good credit history
- Contact the City before repair/replacement work is completed

(253) 591-5236 • cityoftacoma.org/sewerloan

www.cityoftacoma.org/environmentalservices
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Keep leaves out of the street to prevent floods

Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by clearing leaves from storm drains, sidewalks and curbs.

You can:

- Use leaves as compost in your garden.
- Place leaves in your brown food/yard waste container for pickup.
- Take leaves and yard waste to the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center, 3510 S. Mullen St. There’s no additional fee for City of Tacoma residential customers. Please keep your loads covered!

City of Tacoma residents are responsible for collecting and disposing of leaves and other debris from their property, including the area between their sidewalk and the street.

cityoftacoma.org/flood  •  Yard waste questions: (253) 502-2100  •  Report flooding: (253) 591-5585
A little TAGRO can work a lot of magic on your lawn

Give your yard a little love this fall, and you’ll be ready to enjoy a beautiful lawn next spring.

1. Thatch or plug dense or well-rooted lawns.
2. Mow the lawn short.
3. Spread a thin layer (about 1/4-inch deep) of TAGRO Mix.
4. Water well, and get ready to enjoy a lush and lovely lawn.

Consider overseeding your entire lawn. Spread grass seed over the TAGRO Mix on your existing lawn at about half the rate needed for a new lawn.

TAGRO products – Mix, Topsoil, Potting Soil and Aged Black Bark – are available year-round for pickup or delivery.

TAGRO
2201 E. Portland Ave., Gate 6
(253) 502-2150 tagro.com
If the label says caution, warning or danger

Take old cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides and similar items to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for safe disposal. Located at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center, 3510 S. Mullen St. No charge for Tacoma and Pierce County residents. cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste

Make your own all-purpose cleaner

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

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