

# 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  
Central Treatment Plant, Gate 6  
2301 Cleveland Way

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# CFLs to Recycle? Take Advantage of Free Drop-off Sites

Here are two ways to safely recycle mercury-containing bulbs:

#1. City of Tacoma and Pierce County households can take up to 50 CFL and other fluorescent bulbs a year to the City's facility at no charge:

Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center, 3510 S. Mullen St.

Open 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
(Closed New Year's Day, Fourth of July,  
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

For business recycling, call Household  
Hazardous Waste at (253) 591-5418

See [cityoftacoma.org/  
hazwaste](http://cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste)

#2. Individuals and businesses can recycle up to 10 mercury-containing lights per day for free through the LightRecycle Washington program.

You can recycle straight and curved fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and High Intensity Discharge Lights (HIDs) at authorized LightRecycle collection sites. For collection sites near you, visit [LightRecycle.org](http://LightRecycle.org).



# What's the difference between 'wasted food' and 'food waste'?



Wasted food is avoidable. It's food that was once edible but was not eaten, such as leftovers, moldy or expired food. Every year, the average family of four spends \$1,600 on food that goes uneaten. That's like leaving one out of every four bags of groceries at the store.

Food waste is unavoidable. It's the part of food that was never edible, such as egg shells, grape stems, bones, coffee grounds and peelings. Food waste (and wasted food) can be sent for composting by tossing it into your brown yard waste bin.



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## TOO GOOD TO WASTE

### What can you do to stop wasting food and money?

Planning, shopping, food prep and storage are keys to success. Check out the SMART Tips at: [cityoftacoma.org/preventingwastedfood](http://cityoftacoma.org/preventingwastedfood)

# Help Prevent Flooding: Keep Leaves Out of the Street

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

## So what can you do with them?

- 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.

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](http://cityoftacoma.org/flood) • Yard waste questions: (253) 502-2100 • Report flooding: (253) 591-5585



**Remember: Don't rake leaves into the street. The City doesn't pick up leaves that have been piled in the street.**