

Spring caring for our environment

In preparation for the ritual of spring cleaning, Tukwila's Stormwater Management Program offers these reminders to help ensure that we keep our streams and rivers as clean as possible.

Carpet Cleaning	When cleaning your carpets, properly dispose of the wastewater down the sanitary sewer. Do not discharge carpet cleaning wastewater into the street, gutters, parking lots, storm drains, ditches or surface water.
Car Washing	If possible, use a commercial carwash facility. If not, wash your car on the lawn. It's not a violation to wash your car, but it is a violation for soapy water to enter any storm drain.
Car Care	Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. You'll know your car is leaking oil just by the drip stains on the ground. Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, onto the ground, or into a ditch. Recycle used motor oil.
House Painting	When cleaning up after painting, do not allow residual paint to enter the storm drain. If you used a latex paint, wash your brushes and rollers with soap and water.
Fertilizers	Overused chemical fertilizers can wash off of your landscaping and into our ground water, storm drains, streams, creeks and rivers. When shopping for fertilizers, look for the words "natural organic" or "slow release" on the bag. Unlike "quick release" fertilizers, natural organic fertilizers won't wash off into a storm drain so easily, and they'll feed your plants slowly to keep them looking good longer.

Household Hazardous Products

"What can I do with unwanted household hazardous products?" and "Where can I bring my hazardous products?" are common questions. Find the answers to these questions and more!

Visit www.HazWasteHelp.org, or call the Household Hazards Line: 206-296-4692 or 1-888-869-4233
Monday thru Friday,
9:00AM to 4:30PM, except holidays

(Interpreters are available; your patience is appreciated as they locate someone to assist you.)

For more information about NPDES Programs, please contact Greg Villanueva at SWMP@TukwilaWA.gov, or call 206-431-2442.

REMEMBER:
**"NOTHING BUT RAIN
DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!"**

Tukwila is updating it's Comprehensive Plan. So, what is that, anyway?

The Comprehensive Plan is Tukwila's guiding document or "blueprint" for how the City will manage its growth and development for the next 20 years. Comprised of guidelines for a variety of community topics, the Plan provides a flexible framework for adapting to real conditions over time. Topics to be reviewed and updated during 2013 include:

- Community Image • Natural Environment • Utilities
- Capital Facilities • Southcenter/Tukwila Urban Center
- Transportation • Shoreline (narrative only)

For review and update during 2014:

- Economic Development • Housing • Tukwila South
- Residential Neighborhoods • Transportation Corridors

Why update the Comprehensive Plan?

Tukwila's Plan was first adopted in 1995 and last revised in 2004. It will be reviewed and updated during 2013–2014. The State of Washington's Growth Management Act requires adoption of needed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and the City's development regulations by June 30, 2015.

When the update is complete, the City's Plan will:

- ◆ Fully reflect the community priorities expressed in Tukwila's recently-adopted Strategic Plan.

- ◆ Meet Statewide and regional planning requirements and growth forecasts.

- ◆ Be easier to use online.

What's next?

You can always learn more about proposed changes and give your comments at Tukwila Planning Commission hearings. The next topic for discussion is the Natural Environment, scheduled for June 27. All meetings are on Thursdays at 6:30PM in Council Chambers at Tukwila City Hall, 6200 Southcenter Blvd. Call 206-431-3670 to confirm the date.

Visit our website – TukwilaWA.gov/CompPlan.html – to get current information about the Comprehensive Plan update, to leave a comment, or to join the email list. Questions? Contact Rebecca Fox at Rebecca.Fox@TukwilaWA.gov or call 206-431-3670.

