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# INVESTING IN A THRIVING PUGET SOUND

2022 was a big year for the City's Environmental Services Department, with the completion of three major capital improvement projects. Together these projects represent almost 100 million dollars in investment and are an example of customer rate dollars in action.

This past summer, two of these major projects were completed at the City's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, a facility that treats the majority of Tacoma's wastewater.

First is the Electrical Upgrade Project, which improved the reliability and enhanced safety of the plant's medium voltage electrical distribution system. These upgrades brought equipment indoors and added dedicated large industrial circuit breakers to every wastewater treatment process area and other critical equipment. This project addresses safety, reliability, and redundancy while protecting the plant, ratepayers, and the natural waterbodies surrounding Tacoma.

Next is the Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Project, which allows the facility to produce and capture biogas from the wastewater plant's digester. This renewable fuel is naturally produced from the decomposition of organic waste. Once processed, this biogas is known as Renewable Natural Gas or RNG, which can be used as an alternative to traditional fuel. The cleaner fuel produced by this project will eliminate over 900 tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year, or the equivalent of removing 170 diesel trucks from the road.

Finally, construction finished in the fall of 2022 on the Jefferson Avenue and Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project. Crews constructed a large-diameter interceptor pipeline and built a new outfall into the Thea Foss Waterway. This project improves the existing stormwater system's capacity, helps reduce flooding events, and supports future growth in the downtown Tacoma area.

Tacoma is fortunate to be surrounded by diverse ecosystems and natural beauty. Investing in capital improvements such as these helps protect the natural environment while at the same time supporting healthy neighborhoods and a thriving Puget Sound, leaving a better Tacoma for all.

**For information on each of these projects, visit:**

Electrical Upgrade Project, visit [cityoftacoma.org/wastewater](https://cityoftacoma.org/wastewater) or call (253) 591-5595.

Biogas Project and how it contributes to the Tacoma Climate Action Plan, visit [cityoftacoma.org/climateactionplan](https://cityoftacoma.org/climateactionplan) or call (253) 591-5172.

Jefferson Avenue and Hood Street Surface Water Interceptor Project, visit [cityoftacoma.org/jeffersonhood](https://cityoftacoma.org/jeffersonhood) or call (253) 279-5509.



# FOCUS ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN INVESTMENTS

As part of the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget, the City is making investments to support the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Environmental Services Sustainability Manager Jim Parvey shares more about the plan and what the future holds.

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## Can you give an overview of the CAP?

This plan, Action for a Better and More Just Tacoma by 2030, adopted by Council in November 2021, builds upon the City's first action plan that was adopted in 2008. This updated plan sets aggressive climate action goals to match the state's own regulated goals of net zero carbon pollution emission by 2050. The twenty-three 2030 indicator targets are aligned around Council priorities, and the 64 community and municipal actions focus on improving health, safety, jobs, housing, transportation, and emergency preparedness. There are seven key areas, including Natural Systems & Local Food, Mobility & Land Use, Buildings & Energy, Consumption & Material Management, Governance & Engagement, Green Economy, and Municipal Leading By Example.

## How is the plan designed to direct City funding and investments?

This is very much an action-oriented plan, and implementation is rooted in the document through identifying responsible departments and budget estimates. Any citywide budgetary requests are required to identify how they are supporting the CAP.

## How is the City investing in the CAP?

The major 2023-2024 budget Initiatives around the CAP are called Health Priority Areas, which include:

- Assess Improving Access to Neighborhood Cooling & Air Quality Relief Centers
- Hire an Economic Development Specialist focused on green jobs
- Provide Wildfire Smoke Filter Fans for At-Risk Residents
- Grant Match for Sea Level Rise Master Plan Grant
- Hire Climate Implementation Data & Grant Analyst
- Purchase Fleet Electric Vehicle & Incentives for E-Bikes

Details on the biennial budget are available at [cityoftacoma.org/budget](https://cityoftacoma.org/budget).

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## How can residents get involved?

To find out more about the CAP or to review the plan in full, visit [cityoftacoma.org/climateactionplan](https://cityoftacoma.org/climateactionplan) or call (253) 591-5172.

Residents can also participate in the **Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC)**, which works with the Office of Sustainability. The STC is responsible for implementing the strategies in the CAP. For more information, visit [cityoftacoma.org/sustainabletacoma](https://cityoftacoma.org/sustainabletacoma).

# Need to Charge Your EV?

## Look No Further Than Tacoma's 15 Neighborhood Business Districts.

Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) and the City have partnered to bring neighborhood business districts new streetside electric vehicle (EV) chargers, open and available to the public. These chargers are designed not only to encourage electric vehicle owners to visit neighborhood businesses but also to demonstrate that owning an EV doesn't require purchasing and installing a personal car charger. These public chargers have been installed in all 15 of Tacoma's business districts.



Want to know where to find one near you? Look for signage on the roadways that identifies charging locations. You also can plan before you go by searching for public chargers on a website like PlugShare, which also has an app for smartphones to help you locate public charging on the go.

TPU public chargers are all located streetside in the right-of-way, and most are mounted to streetlight poles. Consistent with other utility-owned chargers, there is a fee for charging.

Why install public chargers in Tacoma's Neighborhood Business Districts? TPU and the City want to support businesses, schools, multi-family residences, and people in neighborhoods that previously had no access to public EV charging. Public chargers also help neighborhood businesses attract customers who can charge their EVs while they shop, and provide people who live in Tacoma's neighborhoods access to EV charging they may not have at home.

Making EV charging accessible to people in Tacoma who have EVs or those considering EVs with TPU's clean, renewable hydropower helps ensure long-term environmental sustainability. Public chargers also benefit the community by reducing driving-range anxiety for EV owners and supporting the growing demand for EVs in our service area.

These public EV chargers were made possible by a collaboration between TPU, the City of Tacoma's Public Works Department, Parking Services, and the Community and Economic Development Department. This group reviewed existing infrastructure to find locations with the capability to support public chargers. Sites were selected to keep the installation and construction costs low, prioritize key locations, and ensure the chosen sites would meet traffic and parking management requirements to match existing parking structures. The team also worked with business district representatives to secure support for the locations in each unique neighborhood.



For more information on Streetside Electric Vehicle Chargers, visit [MyTPU.org/EVStreetsideCharging](https://MyTPU.org/EVStreetsideCharging) or call 253-502-8600.



# Green Recipe Revisited: **Vegan Gourmet Bowl**

Enjoy the fresh flavors of the spring and summer seasons with a gourmet salad bowl topped with chipotle dressing. Nyesha Jones, co-owner and chef at Garden's Gourmet Salads, was on Urban Green to demonstrate making this vegan gourmet salad bowl with flavorful ingredients.

To watch this Urban Tabletop segment from episode 37, visit [cityoftacoma.org/UrbanGreen](http://cityoftacoma.org/UrbanGreen).

## Chipotle Dressing

Makes about 3 cups

- 2 cups almond milk
- 5 tbsp. flaxseed meal
- 6 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 3 tbsp. tomato paste
- 1 Medjool date (pitted)
- 2-3 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- 2 tsp. ground cumin

Put all ingredients in a high-speed blender and blend until smooth. Before use, chill in the refrigerator until cool. The dressing can be stored in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.

## Gourmet Bowl

Makes 2 servings

- 1 cup brown rice, rinsed
- 6 asparagus spears, rinsed and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 4 oz. of your choice of vegan protein
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, cut in half
- 2 oz. power green mix
- 1/2 medium avocado sliced
- 1 green onion, sliced thinly
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt

Cook brown rice according to the package instructions. Once done, set aside and keep warm.

While rice is cooking, season asparagus with salt and a light drizzle of olive oil. Place in an oven safe pan and fill with just enough water to cover the asparagus. Cook at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes, depending on the thickness of your spears, until tender. When asparagus has 5 minutes left, warm tomatoes in the oven by placing them in a single layer on a sheet pan and drizzling with olive oil. Cook for remaining minutes.

Add cooked rice to two bowls, place half the asparagus, tomatoes and avocado in separate piles on top of each bowl of rice. Drizzle each with dressing and garnish with green onion.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Litter Free 253

Sign up today for Litter Free 253's fourth annual litter event on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This event will be hosted Tacoma-wide so that you can pick up litter and beautify your neighborhood with your family and friends! Individuals, groups, schools, and workplaces are welcome to join. Litter grabbers will be awarded to participants. For more information on this year's event, visit [facebook.com/LitterFree253](https://facebook.com/LitterFree253) or email [LitterFree253@gmail.com](mailto:LitterFree253@gmail.com).

## National Bike & Roll to School Day

Schools across the country will celebrate biking, walking, and actively rolling to school on May 3, 2023, and throughout the month! Bike, walk, scoot, or skate to school in May from home or by parking a few blocks away from school. Plan a celebration with your school using posters, promotions, and incentives. Visit [cityoftacoma.org/walkandroll](http://cityoftacoma.org/walkandroll) or call (253) 591-5000.

## Get Ready to Ride for Bike Month 2023

Bike Month is back in May 2023! This celebration invites all Tacoma and Pierce County community members to enjoy a wide variety of bicycle-related activities and events - including the return of the Pierce County Bike Swap on May 6th, family-friendly trail parties, and many partner events. For more information about Bike Month, visit [bike253.com](http://bike253.com), follow Tacoma Mobility on social media (Facebook @Mobility253 / Twitter and Instagram @TacomaMobility), or call (253) 591-5000.



# How-To Grow Garden Herbs

Growing edible herbs to use in home cooking and preserving is a satisfying and useful enterprise! When planning what garden herbs to grow, think about what you like to eat and how it's seasoned.

## Planting How-Tos:

### Pots or Raised Beds:

Fill with potting or raised bed soil, blend in organic vegetable/herb fertilizer when planting, water fully 2-3 times per week from April to September, and fertilize monthly during this growing season.

### In Open, Well-Drained Ground:

Blend potting soil, TAGRO Potting Soil or compost with existing soil, blend in organic vegetable or herb fertilizer when planting, and fully water once a week from April-September. Use fertilizer annually.

## Tips to Get Started:

1. Most herbs need full to partial sun, a minimum of 4-6 hours a day
2. Plant in well-draining soil if in the ground or use pots or raised beds
3. Read labels to assess space between plants and height at maturity
4. Most herbs can be pinched back to encourage bushy growth
5. Allow sufficient space between plants to weed and harvest
6. Create a path if necessary to avoid compacting soil
7. Plant with access to spigots for easy watering
8. Buy from reliable garden stores

## Definitions:

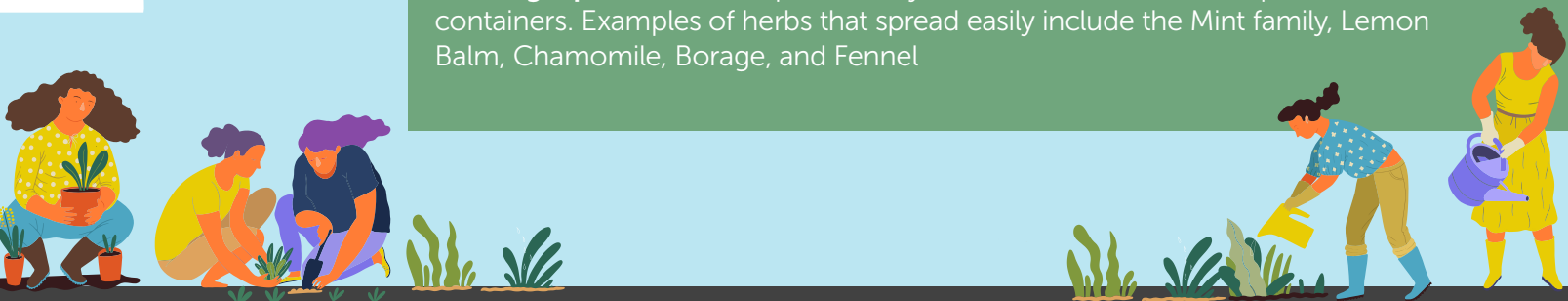
**Perennials:** Perennials are plants that regrow from year to year. Most herbs are perennial and are generally grown from starter plants. Perennials are often bigger plants and may require cutting back or pruning. Average use usually only requires 1-2 plants. *Examples of Perennial Herbs:* Rosemary, Parsley, Oregano, Thyme, Marjoram, Tarragon, Sage, Chives, Lavender

**Annuals:** Annuals are plants who only grow for one season, and do not regrow every year. Only a few herbs are annuals. *Examples of Annual Herbs:* Basil, Dill, Cilantro/Coriander, Lemon Grass, and Lemon Verbena

**Evergreens:** Plants that keep their foliage during winter

**Herbaceous:** Perennial plants that die back in winter and regrow in spring

**Planting Tip:** Some herbs spread easily, and are best contained in pots or containers. Examples of herbs that spread easily include the Mint family, Lemon Balm, Chamomile, Borage, and Fennel



To watch this EnviroHouse How-To Indoor Herbs video, visit <https://youtu.be/eJQfaYNB0V0>. To view How-To Garden Herbs, <https://youtu.be/mUCWD40VFz4>. The entire How-To video and recorded webinar library are available at [youtube.com/cityoftacoma/playlists](https://youtube.com/cityoftacoma/playlists). Community members can also register for upcoming EnviroHouse workshops at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops) or call (253) 573-2426.

# Events

## Calendar of

### APRIL

- 22 South Sound Sustainability Expo**, FREE, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., UW Tacoma Campus, 1900 Commerce St., for more information, visit [southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org](http://southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org) or call (253) 591-5172
- 22 Earth Day**, celebrate the successes of past environmental action and commit to a future dedicated to environmental justice and stewardship, visit [earthdaysouthsound.org](http://earthdaysouthsound.org) or call (253) 591-5172
- 22 Litter Free 253's Second Annual Litter Event**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., sign up as an individual, group, school, or workplace at [facebook.com/LitterFree253](https://facebook.com/LitterFree253)

### MAY

- 1-31 Bike Month**, for bicycling-related resources, activities, and events throughout May, visit [bike253.com](http://bike253.com) or call (253) 591-5000
- 03 National Bike & Roll to School Day**, schools across the country will celebrate biking, walking, and actively rolling to school. Visit [cityoftacoma.org/walkandroll](http://cityoftacoma.org/walkandroll) to request incentives for your school event
- 06 Landscape Irrigation to Water Wisely**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 06 12th Annual Bike Swap**, FREE, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner St. Buy and sell bikes and bike parts, discuss best cycling routes, and more. For more information, visit [piercetrips.com/bikemonth](http://piercetrips.com/bikemonth) or call (253) 591-5000.
- 13 Improve Soil for Healthy Gardens and Landscape**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops) or call (253) 573-2426
- 20 Garden Herbs: Plant to Use & Preserve**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 20 Weeds, Pests & Non-toxic Solutions**, FREE, 1 p.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 29 Memorial Day**, the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center is open during normal business hours, and Curbside Collection is NORMAL. Administration offices are closed

### JUNE

- 03 DIY Felted Dryer Balls Save Energy**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-242
- 10 Be Cool with Heat Pump Cooling and Heating**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426





# Tidy-Up Tacoma Excise Tax Supports a Cleaner Community

In November 2022, the Tacoma City Council approved a new excise tax to help fund expanded community cleanup efforts in the city. The 6% tax on residential and commercial solid waste bills will support litter and debris cleanup in the public right-of-way, trail maintenance, business district litter can programs, hiring two new full-time litter and sanitation support staff, and community outreach and engagement strategies. Customers will see this tax included on their bill starting in April 2023.

City Council routinely hears from residents that they would like to see the City enhance services that support clean and healthy neighborhoods. In response, the City Council enact legislative authority to implement a new excise tax to provide expanded litter and debris efforts as an ongoing service to Tacoma residents. The funding generated from this tax will support a mix of new and expanded existing services that were previously funded with one-time money from the American Rescue Plan and other City funds.

"This new funding means we can expand our litter and debris cleanup services to help make our neighborhoods cleaner and healthier," said Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Division Manager. "This includes hiring a dedicated litter crew to help respond to issues quickly and proactively. We are also developing ways to let Tacoma residents help inform how and where these funds will be used for cleanup efforts."

This excise tax will extend and build on the success of Tidy Up Tacoma, a program



In 2022, City crews cleaned up **840,060 pounds of litter** and debris through initiatives like Tidy-Up Tacoma





supported by one-time grant funding designed to clean up and maintain streets and sidewalks in Tacoma's business districts.

The excise tax goes into effect in April of this year, and customers should expect to see it reflected on their May or June bills. On average, a residential customer with a 60-gallon garbage container will see about \$3 per month added to their bill. Bill Credit Assistance Plans (BCAP) will also be available to help support the impact on low-income households. The tax is expected to raise approximately \$7 million over the next two years. Starting later this year, City staff will gather feedback from residents on other ways this funding could be used to create the most positive impacts from these community cleanup efforts.

In addition to litter and debris cleanup, the tax will help fund trail maintenance, graffiti removal in public spaces, and more.

The City continues to offer a variety of ways for community members to get involved in keeping our homes, neighborhoods, and environment clean and healthy through programs like Adopt-a-Spot and Call-2-Haul.



For more information on the new excise tax and what it helps support, visit [cityoftacoma.org/tidyup](https://cityoftacoma.org/tidyup) or call (253) 502-2100.

# EnviroKids

## What's that Word?

Complete the sentences below (you'll find the answers in this issue of EnviroTalk) and then find the word or phrase in the word search below. If you get stumped, the answers are at the bottom.

1. Public streetside electric vehicle **CHARGERS** have been installed in all fifteen of Tacoma's business districts.
2. The completion of three major capital \_\_\_\_\_ projects represent almost 100 million dollars in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The South Sound \_\_\_\_\_ Expo connects residents with services and products that address sustainability needs in the community.
4. Last fall, City Council approved a new \_\_\_\_\_ tax that will help \_\_\_\_\_ expanded community cleanup efforts.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Month invites \_\_\_\_\_ members to enjoy bicycle-related activities and events during the month of May.

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(1) CHARGERS, (2) IMPROVEMENT, INVESTMENT, (3.) SUSTAINABILITY, (4.) EXCISE, FUND (5) BIKE, COMMUNITY

## STORMWATER ENGINEER Shauna Hansen

Shauna works on many projects to help protect our local waterways from polluted stormwater runoff. She helps design systems that clean up the runoff, and she also helps residents figure out ways their landscaping can capture and filter rainwater into the ground to prevent runoff altogether.

"My favorite thing about working here is we help keep Tacoma's neighborhoods clean. Our city acts like a human body: clean water goes in, and waste comes out. My department takes care of the waste by cleaning it up and reusing or recycling it into useful things again – like clean water and TAGRO. We help keep things balanced," Shauna said about her job.

A 4-year degree in engineering and passing the Professional Engineering license exam are helpful to work as a professional engineer in Environmental Services.



## MEET



# 15th Annual South Sound Sustainability Expo

Connect with local  
environmental groups

Discover family-friendly  
activities for all ages

Learn how to incorporate  
sustainable practices in your life

**Celebrate Earth Day 2023**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - 10 AM - 3 PM**  
**UW TACOMA CAMPUS - PRAIRIE LINE TRAIL**

**[SOUTHSOUNDSUSTAINABILITYEXPO.ORG](https://southsoundsustainabilityexpo.org)**



**SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL (253) 591-5172**  
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# THANK YOU, OPERATIONS CREWS!

As winter turns to spring, the Environmental Services Department would like to thank our operations crews for their hard work and dedication to maintaining essential services in the field during the winter months. Despite snow, ice, wind, and freezing temperatures, these hard-working team members worked tirelessly to ensure that our streets and neighborhoods remain clean, safe, and healthy for all residents.

"I am proud of every member of Environmental Services staff year-round, but our operations crews deserve special recognition for their work over the winter months," said Mike Slevin, Environmental Services Director. "Even in challenging weather conditions, these individuals are out there making sure the trash gets picked up, streets are clear of flooding, and sanitation services keep running."

City crews work long hours collecting our waste, maintaining our stormwater systems, and ensuring our wastewater treatment infrastructure remains operational. Winter weather conditions can make these already critical services even more important, and maintaining those services takes teamwork and commitment.

We are grateful to everyone on our operations crews for your role in maintaining healthy neighborhoods and a thriving Puget Sound, leaving a better Tacoma for all.

- The stormwater utility maintains over **500 miles of pipe** and **18,000 catch basins**.
- The wastewater utility maintains more than **700 miles of sewer pipe** and treats **billions of gallons of wastewater** annually.
- The solid waste utility provides curbside collection services to nearly **60,000 residential and commercial customers**.





# RESIDENTIAL CALL-2-HAUL

Residential Solid Waste customers can clean out unwanted items from their homes, at no extra charge, through the Call-2-Haul service. Up to three large items and up to 15 boxes or bags that can easily be handled by one staff member are allowed for a single appointment.

Customers can use Call-2-Haul twice per calendar year by calling (253) 573-2468 to schedule a curbside pickup or make an appointment to drop off items at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center.

For more information and to check what items are accepted, visit [cityoftacoma.org/Call2Haul](http://cityoftacoma.org/Call2Haul).



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Tacoma Participates in Food Waste Pilot

Tacoma has partnered with Mill, a membership-based food waste processing company that aims to keep food out of landfills by processing everyday kitchen food waste into useable and sustainable chicken feed. Tacoma was selected as one of the first pilot cities where Mill has made their new kitchen bin product available and plans to share data collected from their Tacoma customers with the Solid Waste utility to help better understand food waste habits and prevention strategies. To learn more, visit [mill.com](http://mill.com).

### TacomaFIRST 311 Offers Online Resources

Community members can utilize TacomaFIRST 311 online resources to access more than 700 answers to commonly asked City-related questions. By visiting [cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFIRST311](http://cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFIRST311), community members can submit and track more than 100 types of requests for City services and direct questions to City departments, including the Environmental Services Department.

For more information on City services, contact the TacomaFIRST 311 Customer Support Center by dialing 311 within Tacoma city limits or (253) 591-5000 from anywhere else or email [csc@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:csc@cityoftacoma.org).

# TIP OF THE DAY

## Fruit Fly Trap

### Items Needed:

1. Shallow jar
2. Lid to jar or plastic wrap
3. Fruit juice or apple cider vinegar

1

Pour one to two inches of fruit juice or cider vinegar into a shallow jar.

2

Carefully poke several holes in jar's lid and then put it on the jar. If your jar does not have a lid, cover it tightly with plastic wrap and poke several holes in the wrap.

3

Place your trap in the infested area.

4

When the jar is full, pour the contents down the drain and start over.



Spring  
Workshops



Register for in-person workshops at  
[cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops)  
(253) 573-2426



# Events

## JUNE (cont.)

- 19 Juneteenth**, the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center is open during normal business hours, and Curbside Collection is NORMAL. Administration offices are closed
- 24 Solar Power Benefits and What's New**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 24 72nd & South D Street Mural & Green Space Project Block Party**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., volunteers needed, more info at [facebook.com/SencoTacoma](https://facebook.com/SencoTacoma)

## JULY

- 01 TAGRO Summer Hours Begin**, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 2301 Cleveland Way, Central Treatment Plant, Gate 6, facility closed on weekdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., visit [TAGRO.com](https://TAGRO.com) or call (253) 502-2150
- 04 Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center is CLOSED**. Curbside pickups scheduled on or after the holiday during this week will be one day later than normally scheduled
- 08 Pollinator Gardens for a Native Habitat**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 15 TBD – Please check the online schedule**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 22 Depave Non-Porous Surfaces to Manage Stormwater**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426
- 29 Design and Create an Ornamental Grass Garden**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426

## AUGUST

- 05 Pickling Cucumbers & Vegetables**, FREE, 10 a.m., EnviroHouse, 3510 S. Mullen St., Advance Registration required at [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](https://cityoftacoma.org/workshops), or call (253) 573-2426



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