

Shape up your yard the healthy way

What kind of diet are you feeding your yard?

Kick the chemicals during Northwest Natural Yard Days April 15 to May 15 with discounts on environmentally friendly yard care products at area stores and nurseries. Check www.cityoftacoma.org/naturalyards for participating stores and discounts.

Follow five simple steps for a naturally healthy yard:



1 Build healthy soil

- Feed your soil with 2 to 4 inches of compost – or the City of Tacoma’s TAGRO Mulch – and layer it around flowers and trees to prevent weeds, regulate temperature and hold in moisture.



2 Plant right for your site

- Know the sunny/shady areas and soil types and conditions of your yard.
- Choose the right plant for the right area of your yard.



3 Practice smart watering

- Water infrequently, but deeply, to moisten the whole root zone.
- Water early in the morning or evening to avoid quick evaporation.



4 Think twice before using chemical pesticides

- Select pest-resistant plants.
- Use less-toxic products, such as soaps, horticultural oils and plant-based insecticides.



5 Practice natural lawn care

- Use a mulching mower and leave grass clippings on the lawn after you mow for added moisture and fertilizer.
- To repair damaged lawns, spread 1/4 inch of the City’s TAGRO Mix over the top.

The City’s all-natural TAGRO soil products are all good choices for earth-friendly gardening practices. Learn more at www.tagro.com.

Say goodbye to your gas mower!



As part of Northwest Natural Yard Days, the City of Tacoma will accept your gas-powered mower free of charge so you can make room for an earth-friendly mulching mower or push reel mower.

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

April 29-30

**City of Tacoma Recycling Center,
3510 S. Mullen St.**

For details, call (253) 591-5543
or visit www.cityoftacoma.org/naturalyards.



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Get the **Most** out of your **GARDEN**

Raising your garden bed 8 to 10 inches and using TAGRO Potting Soil may be the best thing you can do this spring to grow a healthy, thriving garden.

Raised garden beds get more sun and air circulation – just what any garden needs to grow an abundance of beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables.

Pick up TAGRO Potting Soil at Tacoma's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2201 Portland Ave., Gate #5. \$30 per yard with a \$5 minimum purchase.

www.tagro.com
(253) 502-2150



Put the **Thea Foss Waterway** on your 'to do' list

After years of work, the Thea Foss Waterway has a new look and new life.

The downtown waterway was named a Superfund site in 1983, and the City of Tacoma stepped forward to lead the \$94 million cleanup that included dredging half a Tacoma Dome full of polluted sediments and building 12 acres of new marine habitat.

Now that cleanup is complete, celebrate all the Foss and its surroundings have to offer. Come walk the public esplanade, visit the Museum of Glass, shop the boutiques and galleries, sail to the new marina, and eat at the waterside restaurants and cafes.

Find more information about the cleanup at www.cityoftacoma.org/fosscleanup or on the project's 24-hour message line at (253) 233-1995.

