

# Tacoma's Neighborhood Cleanup Programs



The City of Tacoma offers a variety of programs and services to keep our homes, neighborhoods and environment clean and healthy.

## Adopt-a-Spot & Neighborhood Litter Patrol

(253) 591-5000  
[cityoftacoma.org/litter](http://cityoftacoma.org/litter)

**Help reduce litter and keep our public spaces clean by volunteering** with the Adopt-a-Spot or Neighborhood Litter Patrol programs. Volunteers receive free safety and litter pick-up supplies.

## Call-2-Haul

(253) 502-2100, Option 3  
[cityoftacoma.org/call2haul](http://cityoftacoma.org/call2haul)

**Schedule a pickup of large bulky items.** Up to 3 large items and 15 boxes or bags of small items of garbage can be collected with Call-2-Haul. Visit the website for a list of acceptable items.

## Encampment Debris Removal

(253) 591-5000 or 3-1-1  
[cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311](http://cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311)

**Report an encampment location that may benefit from debris or litter removal.** The City contracts with several companies to remove debris and litter from active and abandoned encampments in public rights-of-way. Most cleanup locations are identified by the Homeless Outreach Team and many locations are cleaned on a regular basis.

## Green Events Program

[cityoftacoma.org/greenevents](http://cityoftacoma.org/greenevents)  
[sustainability@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:sustainability@cityoftacoma.org)

**Make your next event a green event.** The Green Events Program recognizes events that have a sustainable impact, like encouraging sustainable transportation, donating food, and using recycled materials. Not-for-profit events may be eligible for Environmental Services Event Support, which may include free or discounted in-kind services such as garbage and recycling services, food waste bins, and/or portable toilets.

## HIRE (Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness)

(253) 301-2134  
[valeovocation.org](http://valeovocation.org)

**HIRE is a low-barrier work program that offers no-cost beautification and litter abatement services to businesses.** Tacoma businesses interested in using this service and those seeking employment through the program can contact Valeo Vocation at (253) 301-2134.

## Neighborhood Dog Waste Station

(253) 591-5000 or 3-1-1  
[cityoftacoma.org/petwastestation](http://cityoftacoma.org/petwastestation)

**Sponsor a dog waste station** and receive free bags and fun signage to remind dog walkers in your neighborhood to scoop it, bag it, and throw it in the trash. Apply online!



**Call 3-1-1** (within City limits) or (253) 591-5000 to report illegal dumping, blight, or other environmental concerns in Tacoma.

### **Purple Bag Program**

(253) 591-5000 or 3-1-1  
[cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311](http://cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311)

**The Purple Bag Program is a regular waste pickup service for select encampments within Tacoma.** The program is designed to limit the harmful impacts of improperly disposed waste on human and environmental health. The program also connects participants with resources and housing opportunities that meet their needs. If you see a purple bag outside of a designated drop-off area, contact TacomaFirst online or over the phone so that it may be picked up.

### **Report Water Pollution**

(253) 591-5000 or 3-1-1  
[cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311](http://cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311)

**Report a spill on or near the water**, dirty construction site runoff, suds in the street, leaking dumpsters or anything besides rainwater going down the storm drain or catch basin. A City Environmental Compliance Inspector will respond to investigate and help stop the pollution.

### **Residential Drop-off Containers**

(253) 502-2100  
[TacomaRecycles.org/glass](http://TacomaRecycles.org/glass)

**Tacoma residents can recycle glass bottles, jars, and household batteries by dropping them off at any of the City's five drop-off locations.** Some locations also accept other items, like cardboard and scrap metal. Visit the website for a locations, hours and list of acceptable items.

### **Solid Waste Management**

3510 S. Mullen St.  
(253) 502-2100  
[cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste](http://cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste)  
[solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org)

Solid Waste offers curbside garbage, recycling and food/ yard waste services, as well as **self-haul options for garbage, recycling, yard waste and household hazardous waste disposal** at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center.

### **Storm Drain (Catch Basin) Marking**

(253) 383-2429  
[healthybay.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://healthybay.org/get-involved/volunteer)

**Keep our waterways clean by marking your local storm drain, or catch basin.** Storm drain markers remind residents that "if it hits the ground, it hits the Sound." In Tacoma, all stormwater flows untreated into the nearest creek, stream, or Commencement Bay. Volunteers may checkout a storm drain marker kit with the Citizens for a Healthy Bay.

### **TacomaFirst 311**

Dial 3-1-1 (within city limits)  
(253) 591-5000  
[cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311](http://cityoftacoma.org/TacomaFirst311)

City of Tacoma staff are available 8am–5pm, Monday–Friday to answer your **general questions about the City of Tacoma** government and services.