

TIDY-UP Tacoma

April 18, 2023

From our neighborhoods and parks to the Thea Foss waterway, Tacoma has a proud history of cleaning up our public spaces so that they can be enjoyed by residents and visitors. City Council routinely hears from residents that they would like to see enhanced services to support clean and healthy neighborhoods. In response, City Council approved a new local excise tax on solid waste services as part of the 2023-2024 biennial budget. The funds generated from this tax will fund and expand community cleanup programs, like Tidy-Up Tacoma, that were previously funded with one-time money from the American Rescue Plan Act and other City funds.

Through this local excise tax, Tidy-Up Tacoma will expand and provide:

- Coordinated litter, debris, and graffiti cleanup services in the public right-of-way
- Trail maintenance
- Maintenance and replacement of public garbage cans in business districts
- Cleanup at and around encampment sites
- More staff to proactively address issues
- Bill credit payment assistance to ease the burden on low-income households
- Opportunities for the community to inform Tidy-Up Tacoma

The funds generated from this tax will continue our collective efforts to ensure public spaces, including streets, sidewalks, trails, and business districts, are clean and healthy for those who live, work and play there.

Billing

- The 6% local excise tax went into effect April 1
- A residential customer with a 60-gallon garbage can except \$3 per month added to their bill



The community plays an important role in determining where and how the City will focus Tidy-Up Tacoma efforts. Residents will be able to:

- Provide feedback on how the City can best support community cleanup needs
- Share ideas on how to improve existing community cleanup programs like Adopt-a-Spot and Litter Patrol
- Collaborate with the City on new ways to engage all Tacoma residents in supporting a cleaner city

Learn more and get involved at cityoftacoma.org/tidyup



Tacoma's Neighborhood Cleanup Programs



→ Get involved and see more programs at cityoftacoma.org/tidyup

→ Submit a request for City cleanup assistance at SeeClickFix.com/tacoma

Adopt-a-Spot & Neighborhood Litter Patrol

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

Adopt-a-Storm Drain

Volunteer 15 minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities. Adopt-a-Storm Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution and help prevent localized flooding.

Call-2-Haul

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 and residential customers can use this service up to twice per year at no additional cost. Commercial customers living in a multifamily home or operating a business may use this service for a pick-up fee of \$75, which will be billed to your utility account.

HIRE (Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness)

HIRE is a low-barrier work program that offers no-cost beautification and litter abatement services to businesses. Program administered in a partnership with Valeo Vocation.

Neighborhood Dog Waste Station

Help prevent stormwater pollution by sponsoring a dog waste station with bags and signage that reminds dog walkers in your neighborhood to scoop it, bag it, and throw it in the trash.

Residential Drop-Off Containers

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 accept other items, like cardboard and scrap metal.

Tacoma Recycle & Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Pierce County residents can bring hazardous materials for safe and responsible disposal to the Recycle Center or Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free disposal.

TacomaFirst 311

Dial 311 within Tacoma city limits or (253) 591-5000 from anywhere else to reach Tacoma's Customer Support Center which provides a "one-stop shop" for City services. Staff are available 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday-Friday. Also available online 24-hours a day at cityoftacoma.org/tacomafirst311. A mobile app is also available.

SeeClickFix

Report and track the status of various issues online, including spills and water pollution, debris or litter, illegal dumping, graffiti, and more online at SeeClickFix.com/tacoma.