

# Protecting Tacoma's Drinking Water

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The South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) helps protect the underground aquifer that supplies up to half of our water during the warmer months.

The Tacoma City Council recently updated the STGPD code to strengthen protections:

**Safer land uses:** New rules for certain businesses to help keep groundwater clean.

**Stronger enforcement:** Faster response and better coordination across agencies to resolve violations quickly.

**Greener design:** Better stormwater infiltration and landscaping standards that helps cool areas and reduce paved surfaces.

**Expanded protection:** Updated maps include Wellhead Protection Areas and the Manitou neighborhood.

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## Tacoma Businesses

If your business is located within the STGPD, updated rules may affect new permits or facility expansion. Review the standards early to understand how they may apply to your property or operations.

## Our Partners

This update is a joint effort between Tacoma Water, Planning and Development Services, Environmental Services, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

View recent changes, project Q&As, and an updated map on our website **Tacoma.gov/STGPD**.



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