



# TREECYCLING

with the City of Tacoma

## How to recycle your holiday tree:

- To recycle your tree curbside, remove the tree stand, tinsel, decorations and any nails or staples. Place the tree in your yard waste container for pick up on your regularly scheduled collection day. The tree must fit into the closed container (you may have to cut the tree into pieces).
- If you do not have curbside service or prefer not to cut your tree, please bring it to the Tacoma Transfer and Recovery Center for free disposal.

All trees collected become Cascade Compost, a beneficial soil amendment that is popular with home and commercial gardeners. Treecycling helps save valuable landfill space, while the compost created enhances soil quality, saves water and reduces reliance on chemical fertilizers.

**Recovery & Transfer Center | 3510 S. Mullen St.**  
**Open 7 days a week 8 a.m.–6 p.m.**



# GO GREEN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

*Americans throw away 25% more waste between Thanksgiving & New Years.<sup>1</sup>*

Help Tacoma be a part of the solution by taking advantage of the many recycling options Environmental Services has to offer:

- Recycle your gift wrap (non-metallic), boxes, gift bags, and cards. Ribbons and bows cannot be recycled. If bags, ribbons, or tags are reusable, save them for next year.
- If you run out of room in your bins, bring your items to the Recycling Center, which is always free of charge. See back for address and hours.
- While at the Recycling Center, you can also recycle your holiday lights and Styrofoam packaging.
- For more information on Treecycling, see back.

<sup>1</sup> Greening the Season. EPA, 2016.

# Meet Norman Cook

Operations Supervisor, Central Treatment Plant



Norman joined the City of Tacoma nearly three years ago, bringing to the Central Treatment Plant over 22 years of experience and expertise. His passion for wastewater treatment stems from his deep understanding of the vital role that sanitary systems play in our health and safety.

Each day, he strives for excellence by setting the highest of standards for his employees and for himself. Norman has the ability to transform workplaces by not just educating and training employees, but by inspiring them. By instilling a sense of pride in his team, he is providing them with the skills and passion they need to become our City's future leaders.

## What is wastewater treatment?

The water that leaves your home through sinks, showers and toilets flows through sewer pipes to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated before being released into Commencement Bay.

The biosolids also undergo a rigorous treatment process and are later transformed into TAGRO, a variety of premium soil amendment products that can transform your lawn and garden.

Learn more about the services we provide at:  
[cityoftacoma.org/wastewater](http://cityoftacoma.org/wastewater)



# Your toilet is not a trash can.

Many items are labeled as flushable, but do not break down the same as toilet paper and can clog sewer pipes, causing overflows into homes and businesses.

Only toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet.

Solamente el papel higiénico se debe desechar en el inodoro.

В унитаз можно спускать только туалетную бумагу.

For more information:

(253) 591-5588

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