

## Power Rate Adjustment Effective Apr 1

Your next bill will reflect a power rate adjustment effective on April 1, 2018. Residential power bills will increase an average of \$5.88 per month. This is the second of two rate increases for Tacoma Power that were approved by the Public Utility Board and Tacoma City Council in 2017. Commercial customers can learn more about their new rates on our website, **[MyTPU.org/Power2018](http://MyTPU.org/Power2018)**.

## Safe, Reliable Power

The increased rates will allow us to continue to operate and maintain the system that keeps your home supplied with safe, reliable power every day. While we know any increase has an effect on people, Tacoma Power customers still enjoy some of lowest rates in the Puget Sound region.

## Managing Your Bill

If you've been a customer for a year or more, you can sign up for Budget Billing. We average your last 12 months of bills so you can pay the same set amount each month to make it easier to budget for and pay your utility bill. Learn more at **[MyTPU.org/BudgetBilling](http://MyTPU.org/BudgetBilling)**.





## TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY

Behavioral changes can help you reduce your electric bill. Here is a helpful list of things you can do to save!

- Turn lights off in unoccupied rooms.
- Lower thermostat temperature in unoccupied rooms, at night and when not home.
- Use space heaters to heat only the room you are in.
- Change or clean your heating system's filters regularly.
- Set your refrigerator thermostat temperature to 38° and your freezer temperature to 0° degrees F.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer two-thirds full. An empty appliance uses more energy.
- Use air-dry settings and other power-saving features on your dishwasher.
- Unplug unused electrical devices.

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Visit **MyTPU.org/Calculate** for a FREE energy report for your home.

To learn more about making energy efficiency updates to your home, visit **MyTPU.org/Rebates** or call **(253) 502-8363**.

**WE'VE GOT A REBATE FOR THAT.**

**TACOMA POWER**  
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# Want predictable monthly bills?

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Learn more at  
**MyTPU.org/BudgetBilling**



# Save Water & Money

- Finding and fixing household leaks can save homeowners up to 10% on their water bills.
- The most common leaks around the home include:
  - **Leaking or running toilets**
  - **Dripping faucets**
  - **Leaky valves**
- To learn how to find and fix leaks, download our free resource guide at **MyTPU.org/Leaks**
- **Free giveaways for Tacoma Water customers**—Stop by our water permit counter to pick up **free** water-efficient showerheads, aerators, shower timers and leak detector dye tablets for your toilets.
- Schedule a free, home-water walk through to generate a customized list of conservation options for your home.



**MyTPU.org/SmartWater**

**TACOMA WATER**  
TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES





## CITY OF TACOMA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

# 2018 Community Cleanups

*Working together with neighborhood groups to keep Tacoma healthy and clean!*

### April 2018

#### Edison Elementary

April 21, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Lincoln High School

April 28, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Jennie Reed Elementary School

April 28, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

### June 2018

#### Champions Church (1819 E. 72nd St)

June 2, 2018, 9 AM-1:45 PM

#### Mann Elementary Parking Lot

June 16, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Larchmont Elementary School

June 23, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### St. Ann Church Parking Lot (7025 S. Park Ave)

June 30, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

### August 2018

#### Jason Lee Middle School

August 11, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Narrows Park & Ride and Skyline Drive

August 18, 2018, 9 AM-12:45 PM

### May 2018

#### Bates South Campus

May 5, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Tacoma Dome Parking Lot G

May 12, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Franklin Elementary School

May 19, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### UPS Fieldhouse Parking Lot (N.11th & N. Union)

May 19, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

### July 2018

#### Meeker Middle School Upper Lot

July 14, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### South Lakeshore Christian Church (1740 S. 84th St)

July 21, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Evergreen Campus-Tacoma (1210 6th Ave)

July 21, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

#### Giaudrone Middle School

July 28, 2018, 10 AM-1:45 PM

*Dumpsters will be delivered to designated sites on cleanup day. Neighborhood volunteers and City staff are on-site to assist residents dropping off materials. Residents who live in single-family or duplex homes are eligible to participate for free! To learn more, visit [cityoftacoma.org/communitycleanups](http://cityoftacoma.org/communitycleanups).*



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**Northshore-Ace Hardware**  
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**Ace Hardware @ Westgate**  
2675 North Pearl St. Tacoma, WA 98407

**Gray Lumber Company**  
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## May

5 Saturday 10:30 am Garden Herbs: Plant to Use & Preserve

5 Saturday 1:30 pm Backyard Chickens: Getting Started

12 Saturday 10:30 am Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting

19 Saturday 10:30 am Go Green for Safe Cleaning

20 Sunday 1:30 pm Rain Barrels: How to Make & Maintain

## June

2 Saturday 10:30 am Design a Sustainable Landscape

9 Saturday 10:30 am Heat Pumps: Ductless, Whole House, A/C, Smart Thermostats

16 Saturday 10:30 am Solving Common Garden Problems

23 Saturday 10:30 am Electric Vehicles: Why Now & What to Know

23 Saturday 1:30 pm Build Green, Build Small Part I

30 Saturday 10:30am Build Green, Build Small Part II

## July

7 Saturday 10:30 am Weeds, Pests, & Non-Toxic Solutions

14 Saturday 10:30 am Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting

21 Saturday 10:30 am Preserving Your Harvest Year-Round

28 Saturday 10:30 am Solar Power: How it Can Work for You

# FREE



## home & garden workshops

Advance registration required (space is limited). To register, go to [cityoftacoma.org/workshops](http://cityoftacoma.org/workshops) or call (253) 573-2426

Location: City of Tacoma EnviroHouse, Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (former Landfill), 3510 S. Mullen St., 98409

**Already full?** If the workshop you'd like to take is already full, please sign up for the wait list. Some workshops will be repeated if enough people are interested.

**Need to cancel?** Please call or email to cancel so someone else can attend.

Workshops are free and open to Tacoma and Pierce County residents.

Schedule is subject to change.

Open Wednesday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Website: [cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse](http://cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse) Email: [ehouse@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:ehouse@cityoftacoma.org)

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