

Residential Green Building Resources



Building Height and Density Bonus

- Density bonus for Planned Residential Development District (PRD) with green building certification.
- Height bonus for detached accessory dwelling unit (DADU) with either parking on main level of structure or green building certification.
- Conditional use permit for Infill Pilot Program projects.

Contact applicationservices@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5030.

Visit www.tacomapermits.org

Historic Preservation

- Reduced property taxes for 10 years through Special Tax Valuation.
- Property owners who complete a substantial rehabilitation within two years may benefit.

Contact reuben.mcknight@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 592-5220.

Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/historicpreservation

Home Repair and Improvement Loan

- From \$5,000-\$50,000.
- Single family residential; households must earn 80% or less of the area median income.
- Home repairs focused on health and safety.

Contact singlefamilyrehab@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 573-2435.

Visit <https://bit.ly/33se6kg>



Heating/Cooling and Weatherization Incentives

(Available to Tacoma Power customers)

Residential properties (new construction not eligible)

- \$50-\$1,000 toward energy efficient upgrades, or 7 year, 0% interest loan.
- Rebates and deferred loans available for income-eligible customers.

Contact rebates@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 502-8363.

Visit www.mytpu.org/ways-to-save/residential-rebates

Lighting Incentives

- Rebates for up to 60% off total lighting project cost. Upgrade with energy efficient lighting in common areas of multi-unit properties (new construction properties not eligible).

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Water Conservation Incentives

- Free efficient shower heads, faucet aerators and outdoor watering supplies at Tacoma Public Utilities administrative building, 3628 S. 35th St.
- Free home water audit.
- Rebates for WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controllers.

Contact conservation@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 502-8723.

Visit www.mytpu.org/watersmart

Transportation Resources

- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Right-of-Way Pilot Program – temporarily lifts the Right-of-Way Occupancy Permit requirement for property owners who wish to install electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment at the curbside abutting their property.

Contact applicationservices@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5030.

Visit <https://www.tacomapermits.org/tip-sheet-index/evcs>

Waste Resources

- **Large Items:** no additional cost for residential solid waste customers use Call-2-Haul, twice per year, to dispose of unusable household items (larger items, carpet, appliances, etc.).
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** complimentary disposal (30-gallon/customer per day limit) at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center at 3510 Mullen Street.
- **Residential Recycling:** free drop off recycling at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center.
- **Multi-Family Properties:** commercial commingle, cardboard, and glass curbside recycling service available.
- **Food waste:** no additional charge to residential customers for bi-weekly curbside collection.

Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center at 3510 Mullen Street
Contact solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 502-2100.
Visit www.tacomarecycles.org

Stormwater Resources

- **Surface water rate reduction** for property owners if using permanent Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMPs) beyond Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM) requirements.
 - View tip sheet at www.tacomapermits.org/tip-sheet-index/low-impact-development
- **Rain Gardens:** Technical assistance and information.
 - Visit <https://bit.ly/2xHfGTf>
- **Make a Splash Grants:** Reimbursable grants of up to \$4,000 for projects that provide a stormwater benefit focused on stormwater pollution prevention or surface water protection
 - Contact makeasplash@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5588.
 - Visit cityoftacoma.org/makeasplash
- **Neighborhood Pet Waste Station Sponsorship:** Free pet waste station and refill bags to help prevent stormwater pollution when sponsored by a resident
 - Contact acopado@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 502-2220.
 - Visit <https://bit.ly/33oKyE5>

Model Home Workshops and Tours

- **EnviroHouse:** Learn about green building materials, sustainable landscaping and water and energy conservation measures. Free hands-on workshops are available throughout the year. Located at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center, 3510 S Mullen St.
 - Contact envirohouse@cityoftacoma.org or **(253) 591-5173**.
 - 3510 S. Mullen St., Tacoma, WA (Open Wednesday – Sunday)
 - Visit cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse
- **Green Building Tours:** No-cost monthly green building tours are hosted through the City's Green Building Program.
 - Contact bjarot@cityoftacoma.org or **(253) 208-4351**.

Trees and Gardening

- **Grit City Trees Program:** Free trees for right-of-way planting.
 - Contact trees@cityoftacoma.org or **(253) 502-2138**.
 - Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/gritcitytrees
- **Tree Coupon Program:** \$30 coupon toward each tree purchase (up to three trees) to be planted on private residential property or in right-of-way.
 - Contact trees@cityoftacoma.org or **(253) 502-2138**.
 - Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/treecoupon
- No-fee tree work permit for planting trees in the right-of-way.
 - Contact applicationservices@cityoftacoma.org or **(253) 591-5030**.
 - Visit www.tacompermits.org
- Limited quantities of free **TAGRO** mix product if shoveled on site at Central Treatment Plant, Gate 6, 2301 Cleveland Way (residential users only).
 - Contact tagro@cityoftacoma.org or **(253) 502-2150**.
 - Visit <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=16884>
- Free access to community gardens are located throughout Tacoma as a way to produce nutritious food, conserve resources and meet neighbors.
 - Contact kristenm@pierccd.org or **(253) 845-9770**.
 - Visit <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=17030>