

Bellevue Utilities News

Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.

General Information 425-452-6932

Customer Service/Billing 425-452-6973

Drinking Water Quality 425-452-6192

Utilities Maintenance & 24 Hour Emergencies 425-452-7840

(flooding/water main breaks/no water/sewer overflows/ pollutant spills)

Email: Utilities@bellevuewa.gov

Web: www.bellevuewa.gov/utilities.htm

Non-city phone numbers: Republic Services (solid waste service) 425-452-4762

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Safe Spring Cleaning Tips

Out with the old and in with the less toxic!

Give your house a fresh start with a good spring cleaning. Dig into those dark places and you'll likely find some hazardous things; stuff like bug sprays, automotive products, lawn and garden chemicals, drain and oven cleaners, paint strippers, and home maintenance products.

How can you tell the hazardous stuff?

Hazardous products say CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, or POISON on the label and cannot go in the trash. Take them to the Factoria Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site at 13800 SE 32nd Street. It's open Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. No appointment is needed. There is no fee for hazardous waste disposal. Call 1-888-TOXIC-ED or visit www.hazwastehelp.org for more detailed information on what you can and can't drop off.

Kids and chemicals don't mix!

Children can confuse household products with food. Kids don't read labels, and some containers and labels look fun and food-like. Reduce your stash of products and use safer alternatives as an easy way to make your home safer for kids.

Visit www.bellevuewa.gov/household_hazardous_waste.htm for a list of green cleaning recipes you can make at home.



Don't Trash It! Fix it!

Do you have something lying around your home that could be useful again if only you knew how to repair it?

Join us at the free Repair Fair on Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers experienced in repair will be on hand to try to fix items brought in by the public. They will do their best to make repairs.

Where: Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way

Bring in any small household items, such as:

- Chairs and tables
- Blenders, coffee makers, lamps, and fans
- Cell phones with broken screens
- Clothing and curtains, ripped or needing minor alterations

You will need to bring your own replacement parts and materials for specialized repairs, which many are.

The Repair Fair is a partnership between King County, the City of Bellevue, and the King County Library System. For event questions or to let us know what you are planning to bring, which is helpful for our repair volunteers, email tom.watson@kingcounty.gov or call 206-477-4481.



Innovation Reduces Customer Impact

This March Bellevue Utilities deployed a new tool – an emergency supply hose – with the goal of reducing service impacts to our customers. The hose served as a temporary above ground water main in the Horizon View neighborhood so repairs could be made to an underground water main. What did this mean? With past practices, 407 homes would have been without water for a day to accommodate work on the water main. With this new tool, only 27 homes were without water – a 93 percent reduction in impact to customers. The 6-inch temporary main is 1100 feet long and delivers water that is safe for drinking, cooking and other household needs.

Remember to Keep Suds Out of Streams

Car washing season is here. Did you know that all storm drains in Bellevue lead directly to a stream, lake or wetland? Washing your car at home is a dirty business.

When you wash your car in the street or a parking lot, toxic motor oil, brake pad dust, tire wear and other chemical residues – along with soap – go down storm drains, untreated, into the waterways we swim, fish and play in. Dirty wash water contains oil, solvents, anti-freeze and toxic heavy metals such as zinc, lead and copper. Soap is a significant problem and is harmful to fish and the insects they eat. Even biodegradable soap can kill fish before it degrades.

Instead, take your car to a commercial car wash that reclaims the wash water several times before sending it to the sewer system for treatment.



Work for the City

Bellevue Utilities and the Bellevue Department of Transportation have seasonal employment opportunities – lasting for the summer or up to six months. The following jobs are waiting for you:

- **Drinking Water or Wastewater Maintenance:**
Learn about piping, pumps, and fire hydrants.
- **Storm Drainage:**
Learn about surface water run-off, streams, and system maintenance.
- **Street Maintenance:**
Learn how to work with concrete, pavement, signs, traffic control, or vegetation maintenance.

The City of Bellevue needs you! Go to www.bit.ly/BellevueJobs to apply. For questions call 425-452-7840.

Protect Our Waters: Practice Natural Yard Care

Did you know that all storm drains in Bellevue lead to a lake, stream, or wetland? When you practice natural yard care, you're helping to protect fish and other wildlife.

Here are two tips:

1. Build healthy soil with compost and mulch: your garden and lawn will require less watering, which can mean more money in your pocket. You'll also use less fertilizer, which can be harmful when runoff carries it into local waterways.
2. Avoid using pesticides: they're dangerous and the solution can be as simple as choosing more pest-resistant plants.

Create a yard that is safer for your family, pets and the natural environment. For inspiration, visit our Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Learn more about the garden and natural yard care at www.bellevuewa.gov/naturalyardcare.htm.



Utility Bill Help for Qualified Customers

The City of Bellevue offers low-income seniors (62 and older) and low-income permanently disabled persons up to 75 percent off on their utility costs for water, wastewater, and drainage. There are two ways you may qualify:

- If you pay a Bellevue utility bill directly, you may qualify for a rate reduction on your 2017 utility bills if your 2016 household income was \$31,400 or less for one person or \$35,910 or less for two persons.
- If your utility costs have been paid through rent or other third party, you may qualify for a rate rebate check on 2016 utility costs if your 2015 household income was \$31,030 or less for one person or \$35,480 or less for two persons.

Additional requirements apply. Program guidelines and application materials are at www.bellevuewa.gov/utilityrelief.htm or by calling Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932.

Don't Drip & Drive



Free Auto Leaks Class!

You won't get your hands dirty when you attend a FREE Auto Leaks Class – a \$125 value! But you will get your car inspected, discover if you have any leaks, and find out how much repairs cost BEFORE you go to the mechanic.

A leaky car isn't a reliable car. Plus all drains lead to a lake, stream, or wetland and those leaks are harmful to fish and other wildlife.

The classes are open to everyone in Puget Sound region who drives a car! They are held at eight different locations, including Renton Technical College.

Register today at www.fixcarleaks.org/workshop-events.

Downtown Park Grand Opening Celebration!

Join us for the grand opening of Downtown Park's circular promenade and Inspiration Playground on Wednesday, June 28, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 10201 NE Fourth Street. The event will feature a ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m., followed by entertainment, activities and fun.

We're celebrating the completion of a 35-year vision — and the addition of a new, universally accessible playground, made possible through a partnership with the Bellevue Rotary.



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