

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



September - October 2016

Are You Prepared for Winter Storms?

Here are a few things you can do now to be ready:

- Clean gutters and downspouts twice a year. Failure to maintain gutters, downspouts, and outlets can lead to significant damage to your home when it rains.
- Check your property's drainage system. This is especially important on commercial properties that have multiple catch basins or other drainage structures that require regular maintenance. A clogged system can cause property flooding.
- If you own a sump pump, test it before a storm.
- Build a family emergency kit. Keep enough water, food and other supplies (flashlights, crank or battery-operated radio, blankets) in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Kits for winter car travel are also recommended.
- Have a family disaster plan.
- Check to see if your homeowner's insurance covers flood or other storm-related damage.
- Protect water pipes from freezing in exposed or unheated areas (attics, basements and garages) by wrapping with tape and insulating materials.

Visit www.takewinterbystorm.org for more tips on how to prepare for winter storms.



Keeping the Water Flowing: Your Storm Rates at Work

The next time you pass a storm drain on the road, know that your utility bill is helping to support work that is controlling damage caused by storms.

You may have seen utilities vector trucks in your neighborhood. These giant cleaning machines allow crews to use high pressure water and vacuums to clean storm drains, stormwater detention facilities, and stormwater pipes.

With winter rains around the corner, crews from Bellevue Utilities are busy cleaning and protecting us from flooding by maintaining:

- More than 20,000 storm drains
- 400 miles of stormwater pipes
- 11 city-owned regional stormwater detention facilities
- More than 350 city owned residential stormwater detention facilities



Prevent Flooding: Adopt a Drain

Don't let fall rainstorms flood your street. Help clear your local storm drain of leaves and other debris by adopting your local storm drain.

Every autumn Bellevue Utilities faces a big job keeping storm drains clear – there are over 20,000 of them around the city!

Remember to clear your drain only if it is safe. Stay out of the street and work from a sidewalk if possible. Put all leaves and compostable debris in your organics cart. Don't put grass clippings, leaves, or other debris into drains, ditches, creeks, culverts, gutters or ravines.

If a storm drain appears blocked below the street surface, call 425-452-7840.



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 October 10, from 3 p.m. to 6 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.

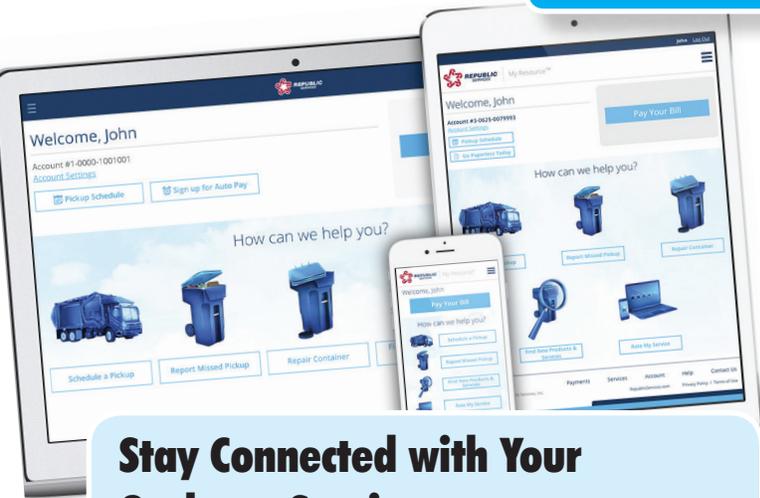
Where: Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005

What to bring: 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 and the City of Bellevue. For event questions or to let us know what you are planning to bring, which is helpful for our repair volunteers, call 206-477-4481 or email tom.watson@kingcounty.gov.



Stay Connected with Your Garbage Service

With Republic Services' My Resource app, you can manage your solid waste service. You can do the following:

- Look up your collection day
- Set up weekly reminders to take your carts to the curb
- Report a missed pickup
- Report a broken cart
- Request a large item pickup
- Pay your garbage bill

Download the app through the App Store or Google Play.



Oil and Water Don't Mix

A drip here, a little trickle there – it all can add up to big trouble for our local waterways when those drips and leaks are from your car.

Oil, power steering, transmission and brake fluids, and gasoline leaking from vehicles fall onto roadways and parking lots. Rain washes these fluids into storm drains, most of which flow directly to the nearest water body – harming fish and other wildlife.

If the repair is within your budget, get it fixed immediately. This will prolong the life of your vehicle, protecting your investment as well as our waterways. If you are unable to repair the leak right away, place cardboard, drip pans or newspaper under your car while it is parked until you can get it fixed. An absorbent material, such as sand or kitty litter, can be sprinkled on spills, swept up and placed in a bag, and put in the trash.



Fall Recycling Event October 22

Now's the time to declutter before winter comes! Everything you drop off will be recycled at Bellevue's Annual Fall Recycling Event, Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004-2853

What's accepted: If you haven't been able to find a second life for the following items, please make sure they are safely secured when you are transporting them to the event with tarps, rope, straps, netting or other means. Only cars, passenger vans and pickups are allowed to drop off items. No flatbed or dump trucks are allowed. We reserve the right to refuse oversized, commercial or contaminated loads.

Cash only fee for the following items:

- Appliances and scrap metal (\$33 for air conditioners, \$25 for refrigerators and freezers, \$5 water heaters with insulation coating)
- Mattresses and box springs (\$15 per item)
- Porcelain toilets and sinks (\$15 per item)
- Residential propane tanks (\$5 per item) and small, empty camping tanks (\$1)
- Tires (limit six for the following: \$2 for each tire on a rim, \$5 for each large truck tire, and \$15 for each truck tire on a rim)

Other items accepted include:

- Clean scrap wood (untreated and unpainted)
- Confidential document shredding (limit five file-size boxes or equivalent)
- Electronic equipment (DVD and VCR players, cell phones, computer keyboards and mice, copiers, fax machines, printers, scanners, and stereos)
- Expired child car seats and booster seats
- Lead acid batteries (car, truck, marine and motorcycle)
- Rigid plastics (such as buckets, children's toys, coolers, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, PVC pipes, and sports bottles)
- Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts (white blocks and packing peanuts of any color)

Look for the event flyer with full details this October in your mailbox. Still have questions? Call **425-452-6932** or email recycle@bellevuewa.gov.



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