# CITY OF DUPONT - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

#### DISPOSAL SITES FOR HOUSEHOLD AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

## The Hidden Valley Transfer Station

17925 Meridian Street East on So Hill, Puyallup Open Tuesdays and Thursdays Hours: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. http://www.lrilandfill.com/hhw.asp

# Tacoma Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

3510 South Mullen, Tacoma
Open seven days a week
Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<a href="http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?hid=1659">http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?hid=1659</a>

Note: You must show proof of county residency to use this facility (a WA State driver's license). Household hazardous waste disposal is not available for businesses. Call the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department's Hazardous Waste Hotline at 1-800-287-6429 for information on properly disposing of industrial hazardous waste.

## **CONTROL RUNOFF**

Protecting Water Quality from Urban Runoff

#### **CAR WASH**

Wash your vehicles by using mild detergents or take your vehicles to a commercial car wash where they treat wash water, or use the recipe below:

1 gallon water 2 tsp. castile soap 2 tsp. lemon juice or vinegar

Mix well and wash!

Car Washing and the Environment, Pierce County Public Works

#### **COMPOSTING**

Composting is a great way to enhance your soil, learn how to create a composting system to recycle your food waste and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers

# Pierce County Public Works, Solid Waste Division

253-798-2179

http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/services/home/environ/waste/recycle/compost/compost2.htm

## RAIN BARREL

Collect stormwater to water your garden

- What is a Rain Barrel?
- How can I make a Rain Barrel?

## **NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR GARDEN**

Native plants are low-maintenance, water efficient, and help sustain wildlife

Washington Native Plant Society -

Native Plant Guide for Western Washington Garden and Restoration Projects

Create a Certified Wildlife Habitat National Wildlife Federation; Backyard Habitat

## **PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS**

EPA- Citizen's Guide to Pest Control and Pesticide Safety

#### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

- Puget Sound Partnership
- Washington State Department of Ecology: What is Stormwater? Why is Stormwater a Problem in Washington?
- What is Nonpoint Source Pollution?
- What you can do to prevent NPS pollution?
- Managing Nonpoint Source Pollution from Households
- Washington State's Plan to Control Nonpoint Pollution
- What You Can Do?

# **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Puget Sound Starts Here www.pugetsoundstartshere.org