



THURSTON COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY NEWSLETTER

# DRAFT TEMPLATE



## MEET THE TEAM

Jane checks out stormwater ponds to make sure they're working for you!

## YOUR MONEY AT WORK

We've made a list of where we've put your utility fees to work.

## GET INVOLVED

We've provided you tips on how to reduce flooding and keep our water clean.



# YOUR MONEY AT WORK



**180 tons**



of pet waste picked up that did not enter our waterways

**7,128** trees and shrubs planted

on **6.65** acres of streambanks



**1,500**

unique visitors to [salmontours.org](http://salmontours.org)



**7** Salmon Tours sites to watch salmon return home to spawn



**137** shellfish harvesting acres were upgraded which is a vital sign in improved water quality



**36** sewage sources corrected

## ALBANY STREET STORMWATER POND

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**For \$8.33 a month!**

Based on \$100 annual fee

## YOUR MONEY

109

Monitoring stations including weather, stream flow, groundwater and water quality

41K

Property owners protected from flooding risk

10K

Utility locates processed

4K

Students participated in stormwater education activities

12K

Public stormwater facilities inspected

64

Spills responded to

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# WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

Just one storm can dump millions of gallons of water on Thurston County!

As water from storms flows over our yards, roads and building it collects things you wouldn't want to touch or drink.

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

Visit  
**[My.ThurstonStormwater.org](http://My.ThurstonStormwater.org)**  
to learn how to keep our water  
clean!



**Leaking  
car fluids**



**Leaking  
septic systems**



**Animal  
Waste**



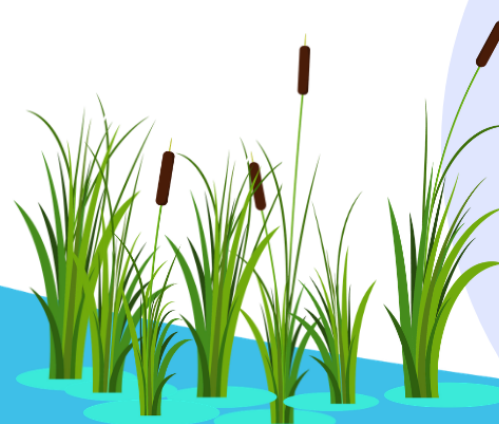
**Industrial  
processes**



**Pesticides &  
Fertilizers**



**Agriculture**



## MEET JANE

Slow release fertilizer is better for the long-term health of your yard and safer for your family and pets. Using it also helps keep our waters clean to swim in and fish in! Slow release fertilizer is better.

JANE HELPS KEEP  
YOUR WATER  
CLEAN!

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**"KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN IS  
THE BEST PART OF MY JOB"**



## TURN AROUND. DON'T DROWN.



**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THROUGH A FLOODED ROAD.**

**Find out if you live in an area prone to flooding**

[Geodata.org](http://Geodata.org)

**Check rainfall, stream, and groundwater levels**

[Water@ThurstonStormwater.org](mailto:Water@ThurstonStormwater.org)

**Sign up for sever weather alerts**

[co.thurston.wa.us/em/alerts](http://co.thurston.wa.us/em/alerts)

## BAG IT AND TRASH IT. EVERY POO, EVERY TIME.



Pet waste left on lawns, streets or sidewalks can lead to a messy situation when stepped in!

Plus, pet waste can:

- Make kids and other pets sick
- Wash down stormdrains into streams, lakes, & Puget Sound
- Make water unsafe to swim in and fish in

Get a free pet waste station for your neighborhood!  
Includes sign, dispenser, and free set of bags.

[Pets.ThurstonStormwater.org](http://Pets.ThurstonStormwater.org)

## SLOW RELEASE FERTILIZER: GOOD FOR YOUR LAWN, GOOD FOR YOU

Slow release fertilizer is better for the long-term health of your yard and safer for your family and pets. Using it also helps keep our waters clean to swim in and fish in! Bonus: You only have to apply it twice a year, Spring and Fall!

[Lawns.ThurstonStormwater.org](http://Lawns.ThurstonStormwater.org)





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## Contact us (360)754-4681

**Main Office: Ext 0**

**Emergency Hotline: Ext 1**

Quickly report flooding or hazardous spills  
on County Roads

**Maintenance Info: Ext 2**

To help you care for your  
stormwater ponds

**CALL 811  
BEFORE YOU  
DIG!**

**Billing Questions: Ext 3**

**THURSTONSTORMWATER.ORG**

