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**Join us for an open house!**  
**Learn about the West Point  
Security Gate Project**

**Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013**  
**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Discovery Park Visitors Center**  
3801 Discovery Park Boulevard  
Seattle, WA 98199

## What can you do to keep Puget Sound Clean?



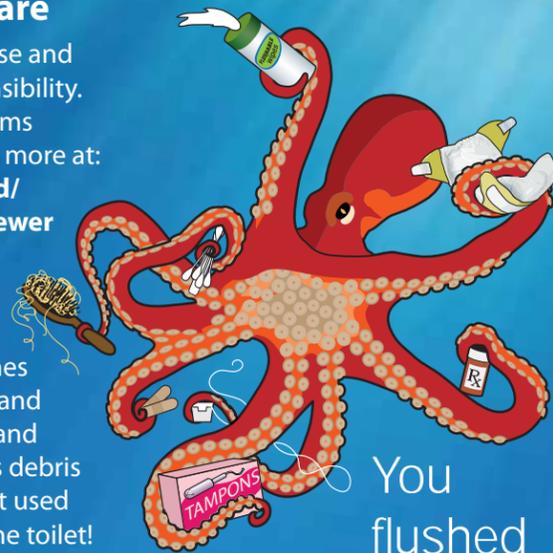
### Find out how old your pipes are

Side sewers are often the age of your house and maintenance is a property owners' responsibility. Inspect your side sewer to prevent problems that can cause clogs and overflows! Learn more at: [www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Education/ThingsYouCanDo/YourSideSewer](http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Education/ThingsYouCanDo/YourSideSewer)

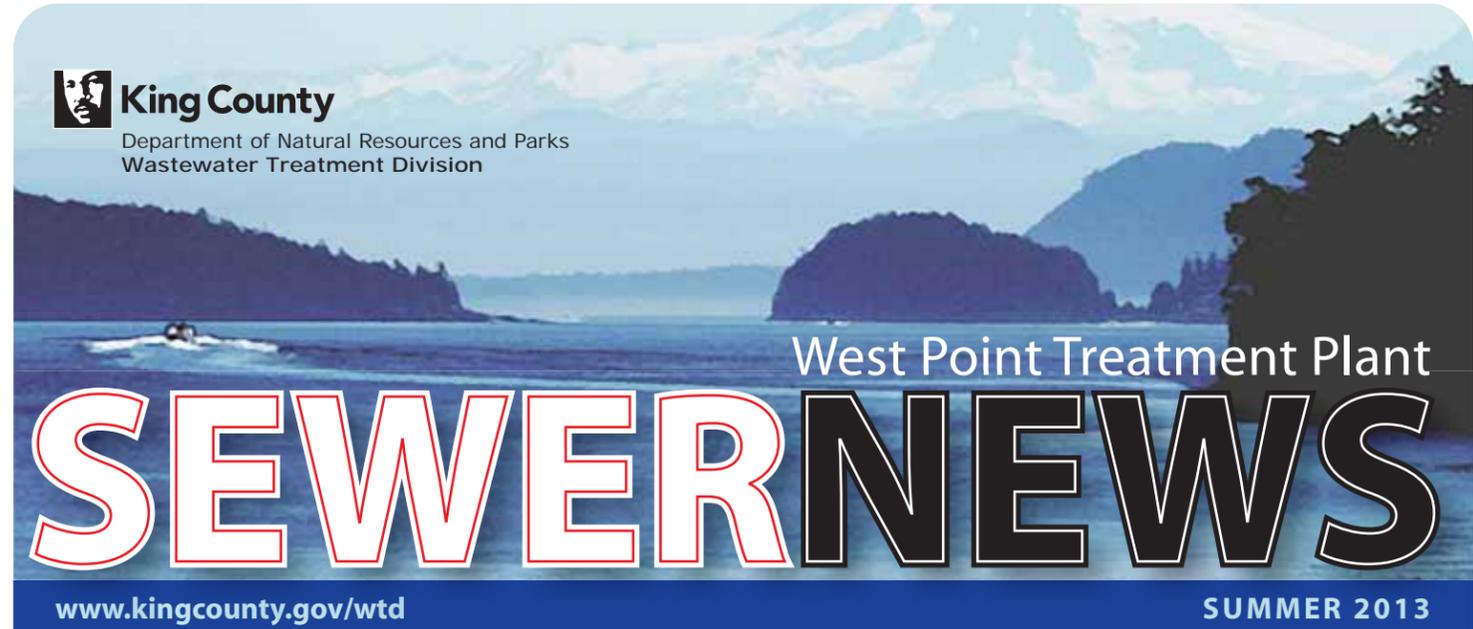


### Learn what you shouldn't put in the toilet

Disposable wipes are clogging our sewer lines by damaging pumps and other equipment and can cause raw sewage backups into homes and businesses. Pumps that get plugged with this debris can result in overflows into local waterways. Put used cleaning wipes, cloths and pads in the trash, NOT the toilet!



You  
flushed  
what?!



## Safety concerns prompt King County and Seattle Parks and Recreation to propose a new security gate to the West Point Treatment Plant

For several years, King County and the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation have dealt with illegal activities on Discovery Park beaches and uncontrolled vehicle access to the West Point Treatment Plant, beach areas, and lighthouse. To address these ongoing and serious problems, King County and Seattle Parks and Recreation are proposing to install a new security gate on Discovery Park Boulevard to control access to these areas.

### See inside for more information

Join King County and Seattle Parks for an open house to learn more about the project.

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### Take a tour of a King County Wastewater Treatment Plant!

Take a tour of a King County wastewater treatment plant and learn how wastewater can be recycled into reusable water, energy, and nutrients for plants and soil. Tours encourage visitors to think about responsible water use, the products they use and how everyday choices can help protect Puget Sound. Schedule a tour of the Brightwater Treatment Plant or South Treatment Plant. Plant tours are currently not available at the West Point Treatment Plant due to construction.



For more information visit [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov) and search "plant tours."

For additional information about the West Point Treatment Plant, please visit [www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/About/System/West](http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/About/System/West)

For odor concerns or complaints, call the West Point Treatment Plant Odor Control Hotline **206-263-3840**.

This is not  
a trash can



# Safety concerns prompt King County and Seattle Parks and Recreation to propose a new security gate to the West Point Treatment Plant

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division and the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation are proposing to install a new security gate to control vehicle access to the West Point Treatment Plant, beach and parking area (see map below).

The project would address several safety concerns associated with uncontrolled vehicle access to the treatment plant, beach and lighthouse. West Point Wastewater Treatment staff and Parks staff have responded to driftwood fires, illegal parking that blocks access to the treatment plant, and trespassing after hours. King County has to maintain a safe, secure environment at the West Point Treatment Plant, a facility critical to protecting water quality and public health in the greater Seattle area.

## People can still enjoy the beaches and lighthouse!

Creating a safer, more secure environment won't prevent people from enjoying hikes, riding bikes, flying kites, birdwatching, and other activities at the North and South Beaches in Discovery Park. Pedestrians will be able to access the areas via the South Beach Trail, the Hidden Valley Trail or the North Beach Trail. Visitors that need car access to the area will still be able to acquire access and parking permits as they do now through the Discovery Park Visitors Center. Bicyclists would also be allowed through the gate. The gate would prevent the overuse of the parking area near the beaches by unauthorized vehicles, which currently overwhelm the small parking area and take up spots that are intended for the elderly, people with disabilities or families with small children.



Overflow vehicles blocking access to the treatment plant.



King County and Seattle Parks are currently evaluating alternatives for different gate types and exploring how the Park will provide permits to allow access through the gate to the parking area at the beach and lighthouse. To learn more, join King County and Seattle Parks and Recreation at an open house August 21; see front for details.

## Did you know?



Fires and barbecues are not allowed on the beaches at Discovery Park. Illegal fires and barbecues on the beach put people and the beach environment at risk since it is difficult for emergency vehicles to access this area. Fires also pose a threat to the treatment plant.



## In Construction: Screenings Improvement Project

Construction is underway at the treatment plant to upgrade and replace the screening equipment used during the initial phase of the wastewater treatment process. The screening equipment removes trash and plastics from solids destined for fertilizer use on farms and managed forests.

King County is installing new, finer bar screens in the existing operating building and constructing a new building next to the existing operating building to process the additional screened material. The project will meet state regulations, protect process equipment and improve the quality of biosolids. Construction will continue through fall of 2014.



The existing screenings building will have new bar screens installed



The new screenings handling building starts to take shape at the West Point Treatment Plant

For more information on these and other WTD projects, visit [www.kingcounty.gov/wtd](http://www.kingcounty.gov/wtd)

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