

Fife

NEWSLETTER

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Get two free car washes this summer

The City of Fife is encouraging residents to skip washing cars at home and instead use a commercial car wash this summer. How do two free car washes sound?

The City of Fife is partnering with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and Marine View Ventures to provide free carwashes at the Tahoma Market at 6006 Pacific Hwy E. Fife households will be provided the codes for two free washes (normally \$10 each) to be used from July 15 to Sept. 30, 2021.

Here's why it's so important to use a professional car wash service. When you wash your car at home, oil, grease and grime flow untreated into storm drains and into our creeks, rivers and Commencement Bay.

Typically, the average home uses

anywhere from 80 to 140 gallons of water per car wash. Commercial car washes save a considerable amount of water. Tahoma Market only uses 27 gallons of water per car wash. Another benefit of a car wash at Tahoma Market is that it has on-site water cleaning. Tahoma Market continually uses and sanitizes the facility's recycled water, but about once a month, a commercial vendor pumps the entire system, the water is cleaned and then released into the sewage system. With this process, harmful chemicals aren't going untreated into our waterways like they do when you wash your car at home.

Be on the lookout in your mailbox for a post card from the City of Fife with



two free
CAR WASHES

Redeem between
July 15 - Sept. 30, 2021



Get **two** drive-thru car washes for **free!**
Watch for a post card in the mail soon.

codes that can be redeemed for two free car washes until Sept. 30, 2021.

These carwashes are provided as part of the city's public education and outreach program for the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. You can find out more information about this program at cityoffife.org/stormwater.

Let's all do our part to keep our environment clean!

Wapato Way East Bridge now open

Have you driven over the new Wapato Way East Bridge over I-5? The new bridge in Fife opened on Monday, June 28 and took about 18 months for WSDOT to construct.

The new four-lane bridge doubled the capacity of the old 70th Avenue East Bridge, which was permanently closed to vehicular traffic on June

25, 2021. WSDOT will continue construction on the bridge, pedestrian and bicycle access, but that work is expected to be completed around mid-summer.

Once the Wapato Way East Bridge is fully open and construction is complete, motorists will have:

A roundabout with two southbound and two northbound lanes and bypass "slip" lanes from northbound SR 99 to the bridge and from the bridge to northbound SR 99. The

slip lanes provide direct access to and from the bridge, allowing drivers to bypass the roundabout and improving traffic flow.

New sidewalks and crosswalks, with pedestrian-activated flashing beacons at the roundabout.

New pedestrian and bicycle access along a 12-foot-wide path that is separated from traffic.

For project information and more details, visit cityoffife.org/traffic.

Keep track of other road and construction projects at cityoffife.org/traffic.

