



Press Release

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Mountlake Terrace Going 'Green'

Plastic water bottles will no longer be sold at City of Mountlake Terrace facilities. Engines of City vehicles cannot be left idling. Both policies are part of the City's efforts to promote sustainability and conservation.

The ban on selling individual water bottles reduces landfill waste and recognizes that the City's tap water is an excellent, clean resource. Not allowing City vehicles to have engines idling saves money, reduces fuel consumption, and helps air quality.

"We are doing this because it's the right thing to do," said City Manager John Caulfield. "Mountlake Terrace has always been an environmental leader. I've heard that loud and clear from our City Council, the community, and the people who work here."

Mountlake Terrace is developing a strategy to be more sustainable in its own operations and to encourage others to do the same. The first draft of a Sustainability Strategy will be ready for consideration in July.

Already, the City has adopted a new sidewalk investment plan and strict stormwater standards, added energy upgrades at its regional swimming pool, and is advocating for regional transit investments to reduce pollution and congestion.

Other ideas being considered include attracting clean technology businesses, phasing in replacement of fleet vehicles with hybrids or other fuel-efficient models, providing parks and open space, and encouraging "green buildings" that save on energy and reduce stormwater run-off.

More information about the Sustainability Strategy project is available on the City's webpage at www.cityofmlt.com/sustain, or at (425) 744-6266.

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