

Pierce County Environmental Services (Maria Lopez)

Lake Tapps is a vibrant freshwater reservoir known for its bright blue water, mountain views, and year-round recreation. Surrounded by residential neighborhoods and community parks, the lake is a popular spot for boating, swimming, fishing, and paddleboarding. On clear days, the stunning silhouette of Mount Rainier reflects across the water, adding to the lake's natural beauty. Families gather at the shoreline, kayakers explore quiet coves, and wildlife is often seen along the edges of the reservoir. With its mix of outdoor activity and peaceful scenery, Lake Tapps serves as a beloved recreational hub for the surrounding communities.

Protecting Lake Tapps starts with everyday choices, and recycling is one of the simplest ways residents can make a real difference. When we properly sort and recycle plastics, cans, cardboard, and other materials, we reduce the amount of waste that can end up in local waterways through runoff, litter, or overflowing landfills. Cleaner waste streams mean fewer pollutants entering the lake, helping preserve its water quality for swimming, boating, wildlife, and the families who rely on it as a community gathering place. By recycling consistently and encouraging others to do the same, we can help ensure that Lake Tapps stays clean, healthy, and vibrant for future generations.