

2011 Excellence in Biosolids Management Award Winner



City of Tacoma, WA TAGRO Biosolids Program

The City of Tacoma - TAGRO Biosolids Program has proven to be an innovative leader in biosolids management in the Pacific Northwest. Tacoma-TAGRO has demonstrated this by their commitment to:

- Anticipating very early on that investing in the highest and best treatment for biosolids will bring incredible return in both gas production and future markets
- Meeting the potential market obstacle of urbanization by stimulating a new market for biosolids use in home gardens
- Establishing a buzz market strategy before anyone knew the meaning through the avid support of customers in and outside the City
- Devoting ongoing funding to research and develop new biosolids products that meet niche markets
- Serving as a role model for biosolids programs across the globe by setting a trend that communicates pride in the quality of their program and products

Biosolids Program Summary:

- * In 2010, the City of Tacoma produced 3,500 dry tons and made \$311,000 gross sales from their TAGRO products
- * TAGRO offers the following products to customers: Tagro Mix (classic), Tagro Potting Soil, Tagro Liquid and are currently developing a mulch, a rain garden blend and a green roof mix
- * TAGRO is a part of the Pierce County Master Gardener training and the City of Tacoma has set a goal to have the most community gardens in any major city