

Connections

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Make A Difference with Your Drain – Reliable Service Tips, Part II

This article continues the tour of your sewer service and offers more tips for how you can support a healthy, economical system.

The District operates more than 350 miles of gravity sewer lines. To maximize the life of our pipes and keep everything running smoothly, we inspect and maintain dozens of miles of pipe each year. (For more information on how our system operates, visit crwwd.com/about/abcs.html.)



A wheeled CCTV camera helps identify blockages before they become a problem. Many obstructions are caused by household fats, oils, grease and grit (FOGGs).

It is expensive to replace sewer lines and, when blockages or breaks occur, it can cause problems for public health and the environment. While proactive maintenance is important, limiting build-up in the first place is the most economical solution. **Simple changes at home can go a long way towards preventing unnecessary, costly repairs.**

Reliability Tip #5: Be Aware of FOGGs

FOGGs are household fats, oils, grease, and grit – and are the most common cause of sewer blockages. *Never* put these down your drain:

- Fats: Salad dressing, mayonnaise, sour cream, milk, creamer, butter, gravy
- Oils: Cooking oils, lard, shortening
- Grease: Meat juices, frying grease, pan drippings
- Grit: Egg shells, sand, plant material, food scraps

Reliability Tip #6: Use Your Garbage Disposal Properly

Garbage disposals can cause significant issues for sewer pipes if not used properly.

- Always remember to use cold water and keep it running 30 seconds after food has cleared
- *Never* put these in your disposal: hard shells from shellfish, un-popped popcorn kernels, hard bones, banana peels, celery, potato peelings, corn husks or corn cobs, artichokes, coffee grounds, fruit pits, avocado seeds, egg shells, onion skins, pasta, rice, rags or trash.

Thank you for doing your part to support our sewer system. For the full list of reliability tips, visit crwwd.com/service-tips.html.

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Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System

An Important Investment in Clark County's Economic Future



Ridgefield

The District has finalized design plans for the first phase of the Discovery Corridor Wastewater

Transmission System (DCWTS). This project will construct a new wastewater conveyance pipeline from Ridgefield to the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant.

The purpose of this project is to increase Ridgefield's wastewater capacity in support of future economic development in the area, since the current Ridgefield treatment plant will be reaching its capacity in the near future. The project provides the infrastructure necessary to achieve our vision for a regional wastewater management system that will provide high-quality service at a lower cost to future rate payers.

Construction on the pipeline is expected to begin as early as June 2014 and be complete by 2016. The exact timing of construction will be determined in May after a contractor has been selected. At that point, individual notices will be provided to affected property owners and businesses.



Salmon Creek Treatment Plant

For more information or to sign up to receive project updates, visit crwwd.com/projects/dcwts.

You're Invited to an Open House

Drop by one of the DCWTS open houses to learn more about the project, ask questions of project staff and meet the construction team.

Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex, 505 NW 179th St. Ridgefield, WA

Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Clark County Fire & Rescue, 911 N 65th Ave. Ridgefield, WA

Senior Low-Income Discounts: New Rates Begin in July

Seniors aged 62 or older who own and live year-round in their homes may qualify for a low-income discount. For 2014–2015, a household that makes no more than \$19,388/year qualifies for a 35 percent discount, and a household that makes no more than \$31,020/year qualifies for a 20 percent discount.



Seniors currently receiving the discount (or those who previously received an application packet) will receive a letter and application

packet by mail in May or June. Others should stop by or call the District office to request an application packet.

The current guidelines and discount rates begin July 1, 2014 and continue through June 30, 2015. Please contact Kelly Solomon, Finance Specialist, at (360) 993-8803 with questions about the program.

Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The District has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 26th consecutive year. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"The District's Finance Director Ken Andrews and the rest of our team are to be recognized for their hard work in preparing an award-winning Comprehensive Annual Financial Report year after year," said District General Manager John Peterson. "This award stands as testimony to their commitment to fiscal responsibility, accuracy in financial reporting, and transparency."