

Connections

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Preserving the Health of Our Rivers and Streams: You Can Make a Difference

Each of us plays an important role in keeping our waterways healthy. From the products we purchase to how we dispose of them, our choices impact what ends up in our water.

In this series, we'll explore pollutants found in the home and how they can impact our system.

More importantly, we'll start a discussion about the simple actions we can all take to help.

We hope you find these tips useful and share them with your family and friends. Keep in mind, kids are often especially excited to take action!

How does this affect me?

The cost of treating known and new pollutants is significant and these costs affect rates. In addition, water quality impacts everyone who enjoys the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and the environmental legacy we leave for future generations.

What role do I play?

You play an essential role. Many of the products and compounds we'll be introducing are things the treatment process can't remove. **The only way to keep these pollutants out of the environment is by keeping them out of the system in the first place.**

What role does the District play?

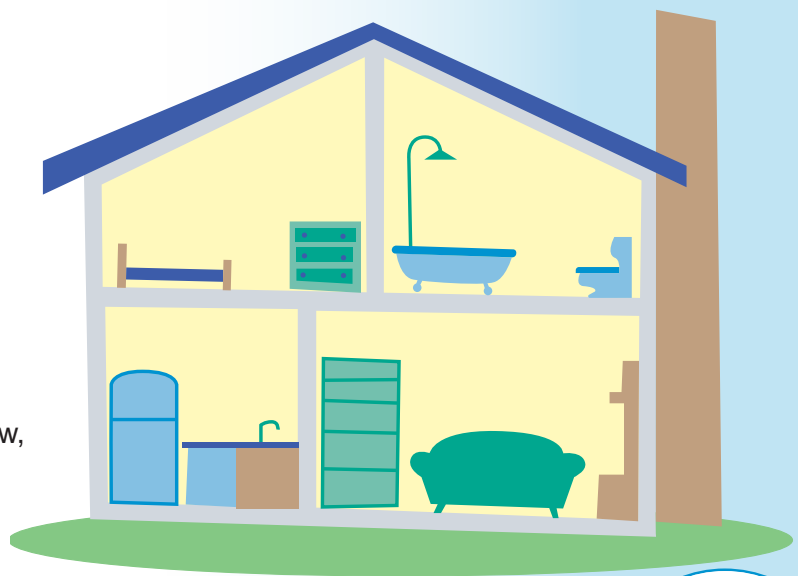
Every day, the District treats our area's wastewater (8 to 12 million gallons!) to meet or exceed clean water standards before releasing it back into the environment. Part of our mission is education around public health and caring for our environment. That's why we'd like to help everyone understand how they can contribute.



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Get started!

If you want to get started now, check out the EPA's Safer Choice website for tips!
epa.gov/saferchoice



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Inspection process improvements save time and money

Every year the District connects approximately 1,000 to 1,500 new homes and businesses to the sewer system. This requires construction of about 10 to 15 miles of new sewer main lines and side sewers annually. To ensure sewers are constructed to high standards, the District frequently inspects and tests sewer pipes and manholes. Inspections take time to do properly and historically have generated a lot of paperwork.

The District recently reviewed our entire inspection process to find ways to improve. A customized app, called Flowfinity, was developed that allows information to transfer electronically and with much greater accuracy than previous paper processes. In the first year alone, the improved system saved 373 staff hours!

The new system means that the District:

- Is able to complete more inspections with the same number of staff.
- Can respond more quickly to inspection requests.
- Can share information in real time that is more accurate and searchable.

For more information, check out this article: bit.ly/GIScafe

The District thanks Tom Sedlacek, Senior GIS Engineering Technician, and all staff involved in the inspections process for continuing to develop new solutions and being a champion of continued process improvements.



District staff person completing a site inspection

We'd love to present to your group!

Does your neighborhood association, business association or other community group want to know more about the wastewater system or process? Our staff enjoys visiting community members and explaining how sewer services touch many aspects of our lives, including public health, environmental health and economic development. If you are interested in having a speaker at one of your meetings or would like to organize a tour of the treatment plant, please contact Kim Thur at (360) 993-8822 or by email at kthur@crwwd.com.

Upcoming events: Kline Kids Fishing Derby

Come to the Kline Kids Fishing Derby for a day of fun at Salmon Creek Regional Park / Kline Pond. Stop by the District booth to learn from Frog and the F.O.G.G. about caring for our water resources! Registration is open now. Find out more and register at kline-kf.org.

Calendar of Events	
May 1 Special Needs Kids Fishing 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	May 2 Kline Kids Fishing 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

FROG & the F.O.G.G.

