

# Connections

November/December 2020



## **You can make a difference in the health of our waterways!** **Part 4: Your yard and garden**

*This series explores how your actions can make a difference and help preserve the health of our rivers and streams. Pollutants found in wastewater are often introduced in and around our homes.*

### **Actions You Can Take ...**

#### **Consider the Benefits of a Healthy and Natural Lawn and Garden**

What goes onto our lawns and gardens often ends up in waterways, including pesticides, fertilizer, and pet waste. We can make a difference in keeping pollutants out of our waterways and wastewater by making informed choices even in the yard and garden.

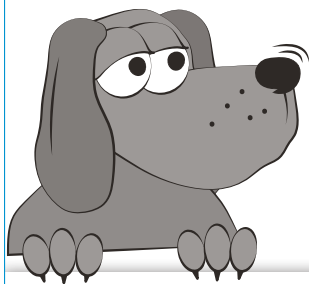
#### **Grow a Healthy, Natural Lawn**

A lawn is more than just grass. It is an ecosystem that can clean the air and filter pollutants before they enter our waterways. Keys to a healthy natural lawn: Mow high, often and with sharp blades. Water deeply, but not too often. Develop healthy soil and rethink fertilizers, choosing organic or natural sources.

#### **Scoop, Bag and Trash Pet Waste**

Pet waste can carry unsafe bacteria, viruses and parasites into the water. Wastewater treatment

is designed to treat human waste – not pet waste. Never put pet poo in the toilet, or down the drain. Scoop waste into a bag and put it in the trash.



#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Weekends  
and Holidays

#### **Emergency?**

Call 24/7:  
360-750-5876

#### **Commissioners**

Norm Harker  
Denny Kiggins  
Neil Kimsey

#### **General Manager**

John M. Peterson, P.E.

#### **Make a Natural Pesticide with Garlic**

Soak four cloves for several days in one quart of cold water and then blend, strain, and pour into a bottle. Test your spray on a small hidden part of your plants to make sure it doesn't cause damage, then spray where you see insect damage or the pests themselves. Garlic spray can also kill beneficial bugs, so use wisely.



#### **Use Pesticides Carefully and as a Last Resort**

Buy small amounts of ready-to-use products instead of concentrates and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Spot-spray only on pests; don't spray pesticides over large areas. Have leftovers? Consider sharing with family or friends before disposal.

#### **Dispose of Pesticides Properly**

Safely dispose of old or leftover pesticides at your local household hazardous waste facility – never put pesticides down the drain or toilet. Clark County offers a Recycling A-Z directory to help you find the nearest facility for all your recycling needs at: [bit.ly/crwwdrecycling](http://bit.ly/crwwdrecycling)



Visit us online at [www.CRWWD.com](http://www.CRWWD.com)

# Free Leaf Disposal COUPON

Prevent street flooding. Do NOT blow or rake leaves into the street.  
Use this coupon for free leaf disposal from:

Vancouver & Clark County Residents Only - Please use face coverings/keep a distance - October 1 - December 31, 2020

## DISPOSAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

**H & H Wood Recyclers**  
8401 NE 117th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
360-892-2805

**McFarlane's Bark**  
8806 NE 117th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
360-892-6125

**West Van Materials  
Recovery Center**  
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd  
Vancouver, WA | 360-737-1727

**Triangle Resources**  
612 SE Union St  
Camas, WA  
360-834-7253



This coupon must be presented at the drop-off site and is for **LEAVES ONLY**, up to 5 cubic yards.

No trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads with this coupon; these items will be charged at the regular price.

Leaves must be emptied from plastic or kraft bags.

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To redeem coupon, complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.  
Clark County residents: Funding for participation is provided by Clark County Public Works.

## Service Update

The District continues to provide services 24/7. Some services, including public access to the office, may continue to be impacted while we work to return to normal operations. The District will adjust as needed to comply with state and federal guidelines.

**The District is committed to keeping our customers connected to essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. Customers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact customer service at (360) 750-5876 x 601.**

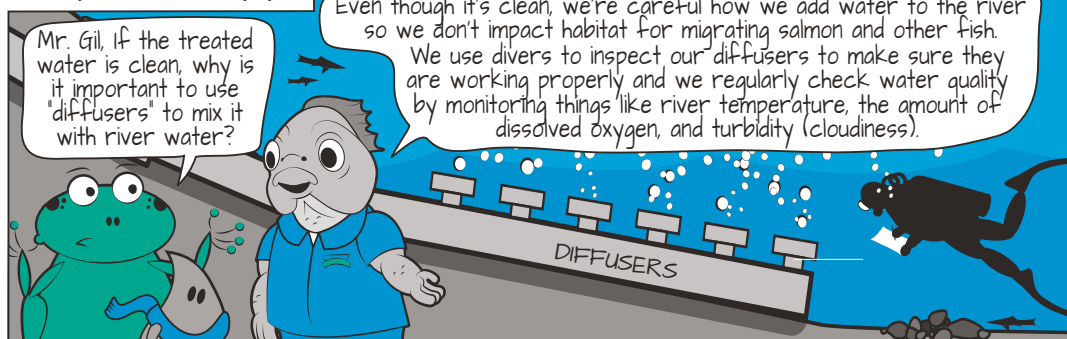
## Maintaining Affordable Rates

Please note that the base monthly rate will increase by \$1 per month (2.5%) in January 2021 to \$41 per Equivalent Residential Unit, following a multi-year rate program adopted in 2018. This increase is necessary to help us keep up with rising costs while still maintaining some of the lowest rates in the area.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Base Monthly Rate*	\$38	\$39	\$40	\$41	\$42
Ridgefield Rate Estimate*	\$60.50	\$61.16	\$60 – \$62		

\*Per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)

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