

Connections

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Clean water is precious—use it wisely

Treating wastewater is essential for community and environmental health and for economic development. But what about treating clean, potable water? You may not think about it that way, but all wasted tap water that goes down the drain gets treated just like the water from toilets and dishwashers! This costs ratepayers money and takes up valuable capacity in the collection and treatment system, which is costly to build.

Here are some simple steps you can take to avoid wasting water at home.

Fix leaks right away

Small drips add up more than you may think! Inspect your hot and cold water plumbing and fix any leaks right away. A slow leak of 5 drips per minute will waste *over 250 gallons of water in a year*. And remember, not all drips are visible.

Turn off the tap

Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth and shave can *save 8 to 10 gallons of water per day*. To help change your habits, set yourself a challenge to turn water down to a trickle or turn off completely while washing dishes and all other household activities.

Install water-efficient fittings

Bathrooms are the largest use of water in the home. Installing water-wise devices, such as low-flow taps and efficient toilets, helps save water. For example, a highly efficient shower head can *save up to 4 gallons of water per shower*.

For more information, The EPA's Water Sense website includes a lot of information and helpful tips. www.epa.gov/watersense.



Hours of Operation

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

Emergency?

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Treatment capacity expansion

Projects are currently underway at the Salmon Creek Treatment Plant to increase its capacity to support area growth and economic development while continuing to safeguard public health and the environment. For more information visit:

bit.ly/Phase5TreatmentExpansion

Upcoming community events

Stop by the District's booth to say Hi. You can ask Frog a question and see the answer printed in the newsletter!

Calendar of events

July

4

Ridgefield
Parade

August

1

Ridgefield
National Night
Out

Did you know?

The EPA estimates that U.S. households waste 180 gallons per week of clean water. Toilets are the biggest culprit.

Assistance with your utility bill

If you need help paying your sewer bill, please call the District. Our customer service representatives are available to assist you and can help connect you to programs at the District and elsewhere.

Low-Income Senior Discount: People aged 62 or older who own and live in their homes year-round may qualify for a low-income discount. Currently, this program supports about 300 households at a cost of approximately one nickel per month to all District customers. Contact us today to find out if you qualify.

More information: Give the District a call at **(360) 993-4001** or visit crwwd.com/senior-discount.



The District had fun at the Kline Fishing Event in April! Visit our booth at other upcoming community events.