

Connections

November/December 2023



Save money and trouble: Be sewer friendly in the kitchen!

Actions that are good for your sewer are also good for your wallet. You can avoid plumbing problems at the same time as supporting lower-cost sewer system operations. For more practical information on these tips and more, check out the District's website: crwwd.com/pollution-prevention →



Don't overuse garbage disposals: Reuse or recycle instead

Ask any plumber—all that food in your pipes can cause blockages, even when it's ground up and especially if your pipes are old. Luckily, there are alternatives. Use a strainer or basket in your drain to catch the food and scraps. Consider a home compost to help with your garden. Whatever method you use, get rid of food waste anywhere other than down the sink.

Freeze the grease!

Fats, oil, grease and grit (F.O.G.G.) from residential sources are the most common cause of sewer line blockages. Put F.O.G.G. in the trash, never down the sink. Don't use detergents or chemical additives to try and flush the grease. Get in touch with the District for a free Freeze the Grease kit!

Contact the District for your free Freeze the Grease kit, which makes it easier to keep F.O.G.G. out of your pipes.

Odor? Check the P-trap

In winter or dry climates, the water in the P-trap under your sink can evaporate in less than a month. This allows odors from plumbing to enter your house. So pour some water into any infrequently used drain every few weeks. You can also add some vinegar or bleach.

Change the chemicals you use

To reduce PFAS pollution, choose stainless steel, cast iron or ceramic-coated cookware. If using non-stick pans, stick to lower temperatures. Understand what chemical additives may be in your cleaning products and make safer choices by visiting the EPA Safer Choice website: epa.gov/saferchoice/products.



Hours of Operation

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

Emergency?

Call 24/7:
360-750-5876

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Curtin Creek sewer service now available

Sewer service is now available to more than 70 homes in the Sunnyside neighborhood with recent completion of the Curtin Creek Septic Elimination Program (SEP) project. This project was completed as part of a commitment to protect water resources by providing public sewer to areas currently served by on-site septic systems. Extending the sewer reduces long-term risk to the environment, allowing for the abandonment of septic systems that can fail over time.

The cost of the project was significantly reduced thanks to \$1.6 million in state and federal grant funding. This helps reduce the financial burden of connecting to sewer for homeowners in the area. The District appreciates the support for this project that was provided by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and state Representatives Sharon Wylie (D-49) and Monica Stonier (D-49).

If you'd like to learn more about the program or see a map of areas slated for future sewer service, please call development engineering at 360-993-4000 or visit the website: crwwd.com/projects/capital.



Extending service to the Curtin Creek area was supported with federal and state grant funding, which significantly reduced the cost to connecting homeowners.

20th Avenue sewer line complete

The NE 20th Avenue Sewer Pipeline has been successfully completed in Salmon Creek (by Legacy Hospital). The project started in October 2022 and was recently completed, as scheduled, and within budget. The project installed over a half mile of new 30-inch diameter sewer pipe between NE 139th Street and NE 154th Street, providing sewer capacity for the next 50-years. This work was funded by System Development Charge (SDC) revenue collected from new development.

2024 budget planning

Please join any of the upcoming budget public meetings:

- **Budget workshops:**
November 14, 2023
- **Budget hearing:**
December 12, 2023
- **Board action, FY 2024 Budget:**
December 26, 2023

FREE Leaf Disposal Coupon

Prevent street flooding. Do NOT blow or rake leaves into the street.

Vancouver & Clark County Residents Only

Valid: October 1 - December 31, 2023

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



Present this coupon at a participating drop-off location for up to 5 cubic yards of **LEAVES ONLY** - no bags. No trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads.

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Street Address: _____ Zip: _____



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Clark County residents: Funding for this program is provided through Clark County Public Works.