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Mission Statement

"The District is to provide excellent water and wastewater services, and fiscally responsible management of the resources of our ratepayers in an environmentally responsive manner."

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Great To Meet You

On May 14th the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District participated in the City of Mukilteo's Touch-A-Truck event. The event showcased several vehicles from the city, state and various utilities such as fire trucks, police cars, a SWAT armored car and of course, the District's Vac-Con Vacuum truck and Sewer Camera van. The event was a great success with kids (and some adults) running from one truck to the next. District employees Jared Alexander and Briley Olson were great spokesmen for the District, showing the kids how the vehicles are used and reminding everyone to use water wisely. We look forward to participating and seeing everyone next year.



A NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE!

After 28 years Utility Services Technician, Roger Darling is retiring

It is with mixed emotions that the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater



District announces the retirement of Roger Darling after 28 years of dedicated work at the District.

Roger began working as a summer hire for Olympus Terrace Sewer District and was hired as a full time employee in September 1988. His career continued when Olympus Terrace Sewer District and Mukilteo Water District merged in 2007.

Roger's last day at the District is set

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DID YOU EVER WONDER?

So what happens to the water after we flush it down our sinks, showers, or bathroom facilities? Where does it go and how is it treated? Recently, local Girl Scout Troop 44009 took a tour of the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District's Wastewater Treatment Facility to find out. Their objective: to learn more about how wastewater is treated and how this helps to protect our environment.

The Girls Scouts started the tour at the beginning of the Big Gulch Wastewater Treatment Facility where wastewater collected throughout the District enters the plant. Here they saw the first step in the process where screens are used to remove material we called grit, like plastics, rags and woody debris, that can't be processed in the system. From here, they followed the flow to the oxidation ditches where the wastewater circulates in very large basins. During this part of the process, microscopic bugs in the wastewater grow by eating and digesting pollutants and toxins. Next it was on to the clarifiers which are separate smaller basins. With the wastewater moving very slow in these clarifier basins, those microscopic bugs now big, fat and heavy, sink to the bottom leaving clean water at the top. Troop 44009 saw the now clean treated water flow over weirs onto the last step in the process, disinfection. To disinfect, the District



uses ultraviolet light, not chemicals. Troop 44009 saw where the now clean and treated water flows through a series of ultraviolet lights that kill germs and bacteria which may be harmful to people or the environment. And then it was time to say good-bye as the clean disinfected water was off to Puget Sound in a condition that far exceeds requirements established by the State Department of Ecology.

A simple and efficient process, the District takes tremendous pride in protecting the people who use and play in Puget Sound by making sure the treated water is clean and safe.

Finally, intrigued about those microscopic bugs that naturally clean the wastewater, Troop 44009 visited the Plant's lab where they viewed the microscopic bugs through a microscope. With funny shapes and names, they saw how using a natural process, not chemicals, to clean and treat the wastewater makes it safe for people, fish and the environment.

The District is committed to excellence in providing quality water and wastewater services to our customers and thank Girl Scout Troop 44009 for taking the time and interest in visiting our facilities. If you or your organization wish to tour the Big Gulch Treatment Facility, please contact Gil Bridges at 425-355-6637 or visit our website at www.mukilteowwd.org for more information about the District.

We work hard to provide clean water to our customers.
Learn more about your water and what we do to provide you safe, quality service and excellent customer care at www.mukilteowwd.org

Billing Cycle Changes

Over the past several years the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District has been working on the installation of an Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System. This system allows meter readers to drive in close proximity to the meters rather than stopping to read each meter. This has greatly improved efficiency, allowing the District to read and bill all accounts in one billing cycle, rather than two. Effective September 1, 2016 the billing cycle for customers with Everett service addresses will be as follows:

July-August billing: mailed the first week of September, due 09/15/16

September **only** billing: mailed the first week of October, due 10/15/16

October-November billing: mailed the first week of December, due 12/15/16

Thereafter, your billing cycles will be as follows:

December-January, due February 15th

February –March, due April 15th

April-May, due June 15th

June-July, due August 15th

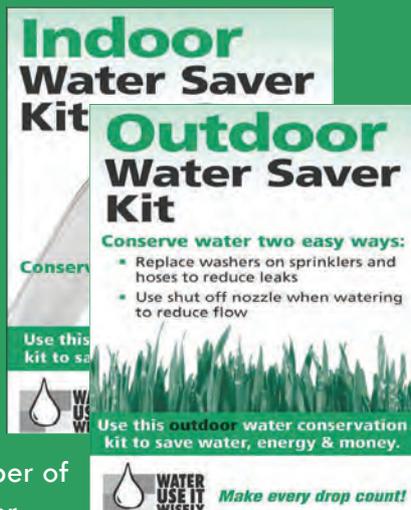
August-September, due October 15th

October-November, due December 15th

This is a change in billing for Everett service addresses only. The meter reads will be actual reads, not estimated reads.

Free Water Saver Kits Available

We have plenty of indoor and outdoor water saver kits. Come by the District office to pick one up for your home.



“There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with YOU.”

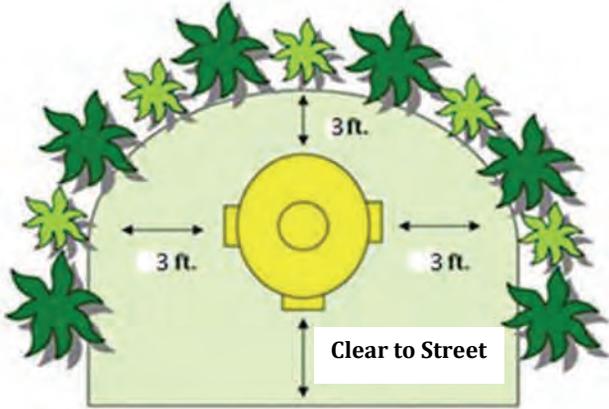
Education Corner

Did You Know ...

Wastewater collected from your house is not only from the toilets, but also from showers, dishwashers, sinks, and your clothes washer.



PLEASE HELP TO ENSURE FIRE HYDRANTS ARE VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE



Fire hydrants require a 4 ft. clear area above and must have a 3 ft. minimum clear area around for firefighting apparatus and equipment. Additionally, a clear and unobstructed path from the hydrant to the street must be maintained.

Recognition for Commitment to Employee Health

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) announced that Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District (MWWD) is one of 112 employers that has earned the distinguished WellCity Award. This recognition is awarded to entities that meet the AWC Employee Benefit Trust's stringent WellCity standards and demonstrate a commitment to employee health. This is the third year that MWWD has won the WellCity Award.

A complete list of the entities that earned this year's award can be found at www.awcnet.org/wellcityawards.



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for mid-August. He plans to relax, enjoy his boat, catch up on some sleep and spend time with his family. When asked about some of his most memorable moments over the last 28 years he stated, "All the best times have been with the crew, some of them are like family to me and I'm really going to miss them."

Roger takes great pride in his work at the District and feels like he is leaving the people served by the District in good hands.

On behalf of the District, we wish him a very happy retirement.



"Retirement is a Journey! Not a destination ..."

-Author Unknown

2016 Summer Yard Watering Calendar

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Water your lawn every third day if needed. Use this calendar as a guide.
- Mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and retain moisture.
- Plant native plants. They require less water and less care.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Taller grass blades hold moisture longer.

Water every 3 days. Find the color that corresponds with the last 2 digits of your house number: 00-15 16-32 33-99

JUNE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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From your water provider. Calendar on reverse side.
Water conservation begins with you. **Water-Use it Wisely.**