

## New Guidelines for Lead Service Line Inventory



### EPA Lead & Copper Rule

Last August, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the first Lead Service Line Inventory guidelines requiring all water service providers to conduct an inventory of water

line materials, with results due to the EPA by October 16, 2024. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is developing its guidance to supplement the federal guidelines and will monitor compliance with the inventory state-wide. This comprehensive inventory requires the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District (District) to identify the service line material between the water main in the street and customer homes on both sides of the water meter for nearly 6,000 service lines within our service boundaries.

As part of our proactive approach, District staff began our inventory effort by assembling and reviewing existing documentation to identify the service line materials used in the construction of the water system. Once the service lines with known materials were identified, we were able to identify a statistically random sample set of the remaining unknown service lines in order to conduct physical inspections. The random sample set was comprised of 384 homes constructed before 1987 (after a nationwide ban took effect in 1986 on the use of waterline materials containing a high lead content).

Using that random subset of information, we first inspected inside the water meter box, which includes the District-owned portion of the service line, the water meter, and the customer-owned portion of the service line to try and ascertain the service line materials. Once those initial inspections

are complete, service lines consisting of still unknown materials will require a different type of inspection, including “potholing,” – where a small hole is excavated on the customer side of the water meter.

District staff will utilize the potholing inspection method on the customer side of the water meter box to identify the water service line material. Once the water service line material is documented, the excavation hole will be restored to its prior condition to match the surroundings. There will be no interruption to your water service during this work. During these inspections, we do not anticipate discovering any lead lines; however, you will be directly notified if we do. Results of our final inventory will be available to all customers on our website in November.

If you have any questions, please call us at (425) 355-3355.

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>



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## “CITY OF MUKILTEO” STORMWATER FEES INCREASE

The City of Mukilteo’s Surface Water Utility manages all public drainage infrastructure, including over 4,500 catch basins, 75 miles of pipes, and nearly 200 flow control and water quality features. The City’s primary goals are to protect water quality, reduce flooding, and mitigate stormwater impacts on steep slopes, such as erosion and property loss.

To maintain clean surface water, the City investigates illicit discharges into the storm system, performs routine street sweeping, and conducts inspections at businesses that may pollute.

Flood prevention efforts involve maintaining and upgrading drainage systems, including detention facilities like ponds and vaults, and using green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, to mimic the natural environment.

The City’s strategic approach is outlined in the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan, a key document identifying

projects and strategies to meet our goals. This plan defines service levels and funding strategies, helping to prioritize resources and actions.

The City’s Surface Water Utility is primarily funded through user fees. Residential properties, including single-family and duplexes, are billed at a flat rate, while commercial, multifamily, and nonresidential properties are billed based on their hard surface area. The fee on your Mukilteo Water and Wastewater bill as “City Stormwater” is periodically evaluated to meet current demands and service levels. In 2024, the fee will be adjusted for the first time in several years.

By providing these services, the City helps maintain a healthy environment for current and future generations. Its proactive measures protect the community, support sustainable development, and promote the well-being of the City’s natural resources.

For more information, please visit: <https://mukilteowa.gov/292/Surface-Water-Utility>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District bills stormwater fees on behalf of the City of Mukilteo. For questions regarding stormwater fees please contact the City at (425) 263-8000

Water – Use it Wisely.

Indoor

## FREE\* CONSERVATION PRODUCTS!



### Water Efficient Faucet Aerators

Install aerators to save water & energy by producing forceful water-streams regardless of water pressure.



### 1.75 GPM Chrome Showerheads

Install a “low-flow” showerhead and use up to 75% less water in the shower. Take a shorter shower and save even more water.



### Pipe Tape

Pipe tape permits quick, clean & economical pipe sealing.

### Toilet Dye Strips

Fixing a leaky toilet conserves water and saves money. Leaking toilets waste more water than any other household fixture.

\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

## Employee of the Year

Meet Sara Normoyle, the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District Employee of the Year for 2023. Sara has worked at the District as an Accounting Assistant for nine years. Over those nine years, she has continued to take on additional duties and responsibilities. This is especially true in 2023 when she took on expanded roles in Accounts Payable and Payroll while consistently providing excellent customer service.

Sara likes to learn and take on additional tasks, giving her a broader range of job duties. She appreciates her co-workers and enjoys working in the Mukilteo community. Sara plans to continue her career growth and eventually become the District Accountant.

The District is deeply grateful for Sara's hard work, unwavering positive attitude, and commitment to our community. We honor her as the 2023 Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District Employee of the Year, a truly well-deserved recognition.



# WATER CONSERVATION



Save money on your water bill with these

# FREE\*

conservation products!

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Outdoor



### 7-Spray Deluxe Hose Nozzle

Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle when watering by hand to avoid letting water run down the sidewalk or driveway.



### Outdoor Automatic Shut-off Timer

Attach an automatic shut-off timer to your hose bibb to avoid over-watering. Your lawn only needs about 1 inch of water per week including rainfall.



### Moisture Meters: Frog or Ladybug

Monitor the amount of moisture in your soil with a decorative moisture meter.



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 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioner meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.

**For water conservation tips visit our website at:**

www.mukilteowwd.org/  
 Water-Conservation-Tips



## Yard watering calendar

2024

**Only water every three days.**

Use the last two digits of your house number to determine your days to water.

00-15    16-32    33-99

Our water saving programs count on you.

**June**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						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
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**Aug**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**May**

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**July**

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**Sept**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Use calendar only as a guide. Lawns need one-inch of water weekly, including rainfall.

One broken sprinkler head can waste 25,000 gallons in six months.

Sweep sidewalks and patios with a broom instead of using a hose.

Choose shrubs and groundcovers for hard-to-water areas like steep slopes or isolated strips.

**Calendar from your water provider. Water conservation begins with you.**

