



Waterworks

Summer 2020 Edition



Celebrating 100 Years of Service

with clean, fresh, safe drinking water. It has been our top priority and commitment for the past 100 years and always will be.

Our story began in 1917 when Washington State passed its first water law, establishing that those who first put water to good use would retain the right to continue using it in the future.

In 1920, the residents of a large tract of land, south and southwest of the City of Everett, desiring to obtain water for domestic purposes proceeded to organize and form one of the first water districts in the state. It was named the Mukilteo Water District and is now the oldest, active water district in the state. Commissioners were elected by a vote of the people residing within the boundaries of the District. Commissioners formulated and prepared a comprehensive plan for the installation of a water system. The plan provided for a supply and distribution system as well as the District's first water reservoir, located at Park and 7th Street in Old Town Mukilteo. The water for this system was to be purchased from the City of Everett. This plan was submitted to the voters of the District as Local Improvement District No.1 and approved by a large majority in 1922.

The reservoir received many upgrades and was finally replaced with a modern above ground tank (three times the size of the original). Three additional reservoirs were constructed in the subsequent years providing our customers with a combined storage capacity of 13.85 million gallons of water.

The Water District entered into the sanitary sewer business in the Eastern portion of the District in 1975. The sewage was pumped from three sewer lift stations

to the City of Everett by agreement. In 2007, Olympus Terrace Sewer District merged into the Mukilteo Water District, which then formally changed names to the Mukilteo Water & Wastewater District.

Olympus Terrace Sewer District was founded in 1969 and constructed its first concrete sewers shortly thereafter. The effluent flowed to the wastewater treatment plant located at the bottom of Big Gulch that opened in 1970. In 1986, flows from Paine Field Airport were added to the system. A major upgrade to the treatment plant was completed in 1991 to accommodate the additional flow when the City of Mukilteo's system was added. Currently, nine sewer lift stations and a gravity collection system all flow to the Big Gulch Wastewater Treatment Facility. This facility processes the main outflow from Mukilteo, Snohomish County Airport and much of the rest of the District.

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2019 Drinking Water Quality Report

Taste • Value • Quality

Water is a life-essential resource. Yet, at less than a penny a gallon, it costs very little compared to its value.

Your water rates pay for everything it takes to operate our water system, from storage and treatment, to delivering the water to your tap. Your water rates also help pay for water system improvements that ensure we can reliably provide high-quality drinking water for generations to come.

As this year's Drinking Water Quality Report shows, this is an exceptional value for the clean, safe, great-tasting drinking water you receive.



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2019 Water Quality Report Now Available Electronically

Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District publishes an annual water quality report that contains important information about your drinking water, including a summary of the results from our water quality testing program.

The report is no longer automatically mailed to every household. You may access the report by using the direct link displayed below.

<https://www.mukilteowwd.org/279/2019-Consumer-Confidence-Report>

If you are unable to access the report online or would like to receive a paper copy by mail, please call the District office at (425)355-3355 or by email at info@mukilteowwd.org.

FREE, FAST, EASY, AND SAFE PAYMENTS USING CIVICPAY

Since the fall of 2019, MWWD has utilized a new online payment and billing information portal called *CivicPay*. Registered CivicPay users can access account history, including payments, bills, and water usage (if applicable), and sign up for automatic payments and/or paperless billing. These secure credit/debit and checking account payments are fast & FREE! Payments can also be made over the phone by calling (425) 366-8719. Payments are quickly posted to your MWWD account, usually taking less than 5 minutes! As the lobby at our administration offices is still closed due to COVID-19, this service enables our customers to make payments from the security of their own home, anytime.

CivicPay registration is only available to property owners; however, renters can still make free & secure payments online using the "Quick Payment" option. Customers only need their 9-digit account number and house number to take advantage of this service.

To register your account, or to make a Quick Payment, click on the envelope icon labeled "Your Account" on MWWD's homepage (www.mukilteowwd.org) and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, or are having problems registering, please contact us at (425) 355-3355 or by email at info@mukilteowwd.org.





District Welcomes New Commissioner



Jeff Clarke was elected during the general election of November 5, 2019; and began his term on the Mukilteo Water and Wastewater Board of Commissioners in January. Clarke's experience includes over thirty years in leadership roles, including his previous roles as Solid Waste Director for Snohomish County and General Manager at Alderwood Water & Wastewater District. Raised in the Shoreline area, and a graduate of MIT, Clarke has twice served with the US Peace Corps--once as a Volunteer in Bahrain, and more recently heading the program in Moldova. He has chaired a number of regional, multi-jurisdictional committees and associations, assuring that goals were advanced and all voices were heard. Currently he serves on the executive committee for Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts and lives with his wife Linda in Mukilteo.

2020
Yard watering calendar
Water conservation begins with you.



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

Month	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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				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	31	
Aug.							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	31					
Sept.					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	

Use water wisely.



Repair leaky hose bibbs and hoses. Even small leaks waste water.



Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.



Reduce grass in seldom-used areas with groundcover and plants that require less water.



Water your lawn in the morning to reduce water loss from evaporation.

Calendar from your water provider. Conservation program participation is optional.

Meet Morgan Hammer



Morgan joined the District's operations team in March as a Utility Services Technician. Prior to coming to the District he worked in the mortgage industry for over 19-years. Morgan is a second generation employee; his dad (Dan Hammer) worked for the District for 43-years.

Outside of work, Morgan enjoys jujitsu, hunting and fishing.

Morgan takes pride in his work. When asked about what he enjoys about working at the District he replied "What we do here is important: all the things we do, help to provide a safe, clean environment for our customers."

THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH



Don't Flush Anything
Except Toilet Paper

Sanitary and disinfecting wipes are often marketed as "flushable." These wipes should **never be flushed down the toilet.** Once flushed, even "flushable" wipes can clog residential, septic and municipal sanitary systems. Paper towels, napkins, feminine hygiene products, and other paper products will also cause clogs. **Dispose of these items in the trash to prevent sanitary sewer backups in your neighborhood.**



Free Water Saver Kits Available for District Customers

Indoor and outdoor water conservation kits are available at the District office. If you would like a kit, please contact the office at (425) 355-3355 to make arrangements to pick one up as the office is still closed to the public due to COVID-19 at this time.

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

Indoor Water Saver Kit

Outdoor Water Saver Kit

Conserve water two easy ways:

- Replace washers on sprinklers and hoses to reduce leaks
- Use shut off nozzle when watering to reduce flow

Conserve
Use this kit to save



Use this outdoor water conservation kit to save water, energy & money.



WATER USE IT WISELY. Make every drop count!

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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****CURRENTLY OUR
OFFICE IS CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC DUE TO
COVID-19****