

QUALITY

The District has excellent quality drinking water. Recently the District successfully completed its Sanitary Survey performed by the DOH Office of Drinking Water. By design our system requirements are much more stringent than a chlorinated system. This year additional safeguards were implemented:

- ◆ *HEPA filters* on District tank vents
- ◆ Painting of tank surfaces white-resulted in a *two degree* drop of temperature inside District tanks.

In addition:

- ◆ Our system is flushed *yearly* to reduce accumulation of sediment in mains.
- ◆ In house lab tests for *bacteria throughout the month* in addition to samples being sent to a State Laboratory as required by WA DOH.
- ◆ Proactive skimming of tanks to reduce *infiltration of organic matter* into the system.
- ◆ Vegetation control around *sample stations* to reduce false positive bacterial results

The District continues to be guided by a strong non chlorination preference by our customers.

2017 LEAD & COPPER TESTING

All District samples were below WA State allowable Maximum Contaminant Level. (MCL)

BACKFLOW PROGRAM

Remember fall is the time to get your backflow devices tested if you have outdoor irrigation, fire sprinklers that require backflow prevention or a heating system using a boiler. It is a State of WA requirement that your backflow device be tested and verified yearly. This is to protect drinking water systems from contaminated water potentially being 'back flowed' into the distribution system and causing a public health threat. The District maintains database of testing and a list of Back Flow testers.

SERVICE

INSURANCE RATING IMPROVEMENT

Recently Northshore Fire District was notified its WA Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) rating improved from a Class 4 to a Class 3 based in part on excellent water systems in the area. Lake Forest Park Water District participated in the assessment. *The lower fire production class rating may mean lower insurance premium rates for home and commercial properties.*



108 YEARS OF SERVICE

Happy Anniversary
to our water system!

DOES YOUR HOME HAVE AGING SUPPLY LINES?

Is your water discolored in the morning or after periods of unuse? Is your water volume less than it used to be? Are you frequently cleaning fixture screens? Rust tubercles that form in old pipes are a leading cause of discolored water or low flow in homes. If your home is fifty years old or older and your service or supply lines are galvanized iron, you may consider having your plumbing assessed for replacement.

WINTER PREP

To avoid nasty surprises this winter now is the time to begin to prepare for winter weather. Cover and insulate outdoor spigots, put your hoses away when no longer needed. During freezing weather, any frozen pipes should be thawed carefully.

WELLFIELD WORK REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS

The District has moved into year two of its invasive species removal program within the well fields. This program will be an ongoing effort for long term elimination of invasive species that can kill even large trees. You can help by removing and properly disposing English ivy and other invasives on your property and monitor for reoccurring growth yearly. Save a tree!

COMMUNITY

DISTRICT THANKS BRIER RESIDENTS

LFPWD and our Advisory Committee attended the City of Brier Night Out on August 1. Our drinking water is sourced from aquifers that flow under both the City of LFP and City of Brier. The District booth stressed aquifer education and activities that can potentially pollute drinking water sourced from wells. We distributed 125 water bottles filled with our water. Thank you to Brier residents who attended and spent the evening with us.

HOME EMERGENCY PLANNING ARE YOU READY?

All homes should consider having a supply of drinking water in case of emergency. It is estimated that every family member needs about a gallon of water a day during an emergency. Consider having 5 gallon containers of water stored with chloride tablets to last at least a week. Water should be kept in a dark location and can be refreshed yearly as part of regular family emergency planning.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- 💧 Test your toilets for leaks
- 💧 One faucet drip every second adds up to five gallons a day. Fix your drips!
- 💧 Leave lawn clippings on your lawn, this cools the ground and holds in moisture.
- 💧 Plant native species in the fall.

NEW DRINKING STATIONS AT EAGLE SCOUT PARK & LAKE FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY

As part of the District's community outreach, the District has donated two drinking/bottle stations for students and staff at LFP Elementary and coordinated with the City of LFP for placement of a drinking fountain at Eagle Scout Park. These stations eliminate the need for purchasing bottled water, and reduce plastics in our environment.



LFP Elementary Principal Aimee Miner and
LFPWD Commissioner Dave Hammond



District provided drinking fountain at Eagle Scout Park

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