

LFPWD

Lake Forest Park Water District



News

Good Water, Naturally!

FALL 2023

SERVICE LINE SURVEY - WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

New regulations have tasked us with building an inventory of the types of water service lines within our District. This is to identify any risks in the water system that would adversely affect the health of our customers due to lead contamination, with the goal of prioritizing and removing these risks. In order to begin the information gathering process, we are asking all of our customers to please complete our online survey. Your assistance will greatly help us in this task, because what isn't reported will need to be identified by one of our staff visiting your property.



Lead Info
& Survey

For more details, and to complete the survey please visit www.lfpwd.org/lead If you are unable to complete an online survey, please call us or stop by the office and request a paper copy.

BACKGROUND - The latest regulation deals with lead, and requires all water utilities to assess their systems by October 2024 to ensure that there are no sources of lead on **both** the utility side of the meter AND the customer side of the meter. **Please note** that we have no records of, and have never discovered lead lines on the District side of the service line.

**GET THE
LEAD OUT!**

Important information about
drinking water and lead



The service line on the customer side of the meter is installed by the contractor that built the house and the District does not maintain any records on this since it is the customer's responsibility to maintain. Service line materials vary, see our website for help to identify yours. Many older homes used galvanized pipe, while the newer homes used copper or HDPE.

Since we do not have records of your service line, we are requesting information from you in order to comply with the EPA's inventory requirements.

BACKFLOW PROGRAM

Remember fall is the time to get your backflow devices tested if you have outdoor irrigation, fire sprinklers, a heating system using a boiler or other devices that require backflow prevention.

It is a State of WA requirement that all backflow devices 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. **Annual test results are required to be provided to the District** for our records. Our form contains further info and a list of testers and can be downloaded from www.lfpwd.org/backflow.



We appreciate those that have already submitted their test results!

POSITIONS OPEN ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lake Forest Park Water District has an "Advisory Committee" which is created for the purpose of advising the District on matters that directly concern protection of water quality of water sources in the Aquifer and Wellfield at McKinnon Creek and Horizon View. The specific tasks of the Committee include but are not limited to the following:

- Assist in obtaining and communicating public input in regard to District's Water System Plan
- Facilitate cooperation and communication between the District and the community regarding uses and activities that affect the District's well fields
- Assist in Wellhead Protection Plan evaluation and communicating public priorities and other public comments
- Assist with communications and public community outreach efforts as requested by the Board consistent with the Charter and Board approved Communications Plan

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please apply using the form on our website under the 'info' tab. Please email the completed application to office@lfpwd.org or drop it by the office during business hours.

Are You Ready For WINTER?



PREPARE FOR WINTER NOW - NO FROZEN PIPES!

Now is the time to cover and insulate outdoor spigots and put your hoses away when no longer needed. During freezing weather, any frozen pipes should be thawed slowly and carefully while monitoring for any leaks that may have developed.

- Outdoor hose bibs are susceptible to freezing, use an insulator
- Know where your water shut-off valve is located
- Don't leave garden hose attached to the faucet in freezing weather
- Winterize your sprinkler system. Make sure your shut-off valve is off and irrigation lines are drained to prevent damage from freezing water
- If you are vacationing during the winter, consider shutting off your supply to avoid potential flooding

PAPERLESS BILLING

Many of you are signed up to receive your statements electronically by email. If you haven't gone paperless yet, go to www.lfpwd.org/paperless/ or scan the QR code.



Some of our customers have had their water bill end up in their junk folder. To help avoid this, **please add "ebilling@lfpwd.org"** to your address book.

You will see a bill at the beginning of every odd numbered month and the balance is due at the end of that month.



IMPROVEMENTS

McKINNON CREEK PUMPHOUSE PROJECT

We are pleased that after a number of delays, we will finally begin bringing our our new pump facility building online in the next few weeks. As the second phase of this project, this replaces and upgrades our existing building and allows for a consolidation of control functions, increased pump capacity for greater fire flow in the district, better water quality monitoring, and increased instrumentation.

This project results in a major upgrade for the primary wellfield and distribution hub for the water district that will serve us well into the future.



BEST TASTING WATER DECALS!

Support your Water District at your business, home or on your car window. Contact us at the office and we will get you your 'Best Tasting Water' vinyl decal.

You are receiving this Newsletter because you are either a District customer, reside within our Wellhead Protection Area or are within our corporate boundaries.

**Know what's below.
Call 811 before you dig.**

MISSION

"Lake Forest Park Water District strives to provide high quality water, sourced from our local aquifer, at the lowest reasonable cost, while investing in our infrastructure and maintaining the highest level of customer service."

GENERAL MANAGER

- Alan Kerley

COMMISSIONERS

- David Hammond: President
- Bill Donahue: Treasurer
- Eli Zehner: Secretary

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