Board Byline: Shut Off Outdoor Watering This Month to Support Fall Salmon Runs

Fish on the Run, Irrigation Done!

It's time to turn off irrigation for the season!
Reducing water use during the late-summer peak helps preserve flows in the Clackamas River. This is especially important as we head into the fall salmon runs.

Coho and Chinook salmon rely on healthy river flows for a successful migration. But after a warmer, drier winter, Clackamas River flows are much lower than usual.

Low river levels can make migration more difficult for salmon. Shallower, warmer water can stress salmon and, at high enough temperatures, can become deadly. Warmer water can also affect the timing of salmon migration, while lower flows can make some areas of the river more difficult for fish to navigate.

While fall rains help replenish the river, they typically don't arrive until late September or October.

By ending outdoor watering now, you can help leave more water in the river for migrating salmon.



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Take the pledge to protect our rivers!
clackamasproviders.org/fish-on-the-run

Start With Water This Emergency Preparedness Month

Start with water when creating an emergency kit for you or your family. Most humans can survive for roughly 3 weeks without food, but only about 3 days without water.

Oregon Emergency Management recommends having a **two-week supply of water** — about **a gallon per person per day**. This provides enough water for drinking, cooking, and sanitation in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

YOUR EMERGENCY WATER:



1/4 for cooking

1/4 for hygiene

1/2 for drinking

Learn more about emergency prep:
regionalh2o.org/emergency-preparedness/start-water

Improvements Happening Across the District

Your monthly bill helps fund important investments in the community.



Valley View Reservoir Re-Coating Project

Reservoirs serve as the initial storage for treated drinking water before it's distributed to homes and businesses. Over time, the protective coating on the reservoirs has worn down. This project involves cleaning and re-coating the roofs of both reservoirs to ensure the longevity of our water storage. Work began in August and is expected to be completed by the end of September.



Jennings Lodge (LS2) Sewer Improvement Project

We are continuing our efforts to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) in Jennings Lodge. I&I occurs when damaged pipes or other infrastructure allow excess groundwater to enter the sewer system, overwhelming our treatment plant. By repairing these damaged pipes, we keep rainwater out and prevent sewage overflows. The work began in July and is expected to be completed in the fall.



Tertiary Treatment Facility Project

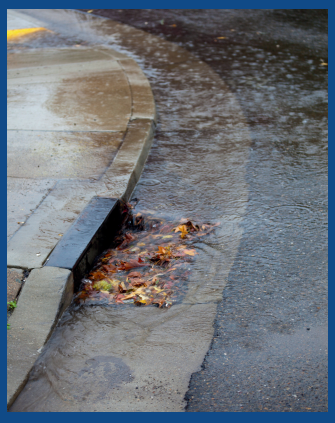
Crews are steadily demolishing and removing old, buried concrete that is more than 4 feet thick in some places. Once complete, the contractor will add structural backfill and begin laying the pipes that will run beneath the new building, eventually carrying wastewater to and from the disc filters, which will provide an additional level of treatment.

Learn more about our projects:
www.oaklodgewaterservices.org/active-projects

Businesses: Sign Up for Discounted Storm Drain Cleaning

Maintaining storm drains not only protects local water quality, but it also helps prevent property issues like flooding.

Oak Lodge offers the Storm Drain Cleaning Assistance Program, providing businesses with discounted pricing. **Sign up now through October 31!**



Sign up:
www.oaklodgewaterservices.org/scap
Or call (971) 291-7255

Emergency Contact Information

Our team is available 24/7 at **(503) 654-7765**. Please call us if you see water gushing from the street, ground, or from a manhole, or if you notice a sewer spill or witness illegal storm drain dumping.

Board Meetings

You're invited to attend OLWS board meetings. Join via Zoom or in-person at 14496 SE River Road. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 P.M.:

September 8 | October 13 | November 10

Find more details at **oaklodgewaterservices.org** or email **info@olws.org** for assistance.