

Board Byline

By: Susan Keil, Board Chair

Saving water now can mean saving money later. OLWS uses your winter water consumption to gauge the amount of wastewater your household sends down the drain to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A portion of your wastewater bill is based on winter water consumption (December - March) which is reviewed and recalculated each July. Now is the time to fix those leaks, set your shower timers, and conserve our precious water resources.

As an OLWS customer you qualify for conservation rebates from the Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP). CRWP offers seven water use rebates up to \$485 in value.

Visit ClackamasProviders.org/conservation-rebates or scan the code below for more information.



Inflow and Infiltration Progress

Investing in our local infrastructure is crucial for our community's health and prosperity. The OLWS collections system has a problem with rainwater getting into mainline pipes, which can cause sanitary sewer overflows. In September 2023, OLWS signed a contract with AKS Engineering to work on solutions to repair and replace portions of the collection system. Some of these pipes are on private property, while others are in public areas owned by Clackamas County. Read more about Inflow and Infiltration on our website at

OakLodgeWaterServices.org/active-projects

OLWS Open House

As a valued member of our community, we would like to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Open House event. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the exciting projects we have planned for the community and to gain valuable insights into our services.

Date: Thursday, February 15

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: 14611 SE River Road, Oak Grove, OR 97267



Image: Vactor truck repairing a leak on SE Oatfield Rd.

Discover Upcoming Projects: Gain exclusive insights into the upcoming projects that will positively impact our community. We believe that keeping our residents informed is crucial to fostering a sense of connection and shared responsibility. Our experts will be on hand to provide information and answer any questions you may have regarding your drinking water, wastewater, and watershed protection services.

Inquire About Your Bill: Our dedicated team will be available to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding your bill.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open House and appreciate your ongoing support in making our community a better place for everyone.

2024 Water Calendars Now Available

Each year, the Clackamas River Water Providers invite teachers and their students to participate in their annual Kids Water Calendar coloring contest. The theme for the 2024 Calendar is “Saving Water is Easy”. The 2024 calendars are FREE and available to customers at 14496 SE River Road, Oak Grove, OR 97267 and upon request by email at christine@clackamasproviders.org.

Community Participation

You're invited to attend OLWS Board meetings. The public may attend through Zoom video conference or in-person (14496 SE River Road). The upcoming meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on:

January 16 | February 20 | March 19

Learn how to attend at OakLodgeWaterServices.org or email info@olws.org for assistance.

Budget Committee

The OLWS Budget Committee will meet weekly March through April to discuss the budget for the coming year, which begins July 1, 2024. The Budget Committee is a group of volunteers who are also OLWS customers.

When meeting dates are set, the information will be available at OakLodgeWaterServices.org. Meeting dates will also be included in the March/April Customer Newsletter. Questions about the process? Please email info@olws.org.

Your Watershed Needs You

Stormwater runoff is the most significant source of water pollution in our State. When it rains, stormwater washes over streets, roofs, lawns and parking lots. On its way, it picks up oil, sediment

bacteria, grease and chemicals that pollute our local streams and the Willamette River. In the winter season, be a water protector by taking the follow actions:

- Start shoveling early to avoid using salt or deicer
- Pile snow in locations where it can melt and soak into the ground.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains – this helps avoid flooding.

Through watershed protection and planning, OLWS is taking a long-term approach to protecting the health of our water resources. The OLWS stormwater management program provides monitoring and enforcement of water quality protections. Through watershed planning we are taking a big picture, long-term approach to protecting the health of neighborhood streams.

Emergency Contact Information

Our team is available 24 hours a day at (503) 654-7765. If you see water gushing up out of either the street, ground, or from a manhole, please call us. Use the same number if you notice wastewater spills or if you see someone illegally dumping into a storm drain.

Stay Connected

Stay connected with us. If you're interested in learning more about projects happening in your area, check out the “Active Projects” page on our website: OakLodgeWaterServices.org/active-projects.



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