

## Board Byline: Learn About Our Projects and More at Our 2026 Open House

Save the date for our 2026 Projects Open House! At this drop-in event, you'll learn about major improvement projects underway in your community, talk with OLWS board members and staff, and connect with neighbors.

**What:** OLWS 2026 Projects Open House

**When:** Thursday, February 26, 2026, 5-7 p.m.

**Where:** OLWS Technical Services office  
14611 SE River Rd. (at the corner of River Rd. and Oak Grove Blvd.)

We hope to see you there!

Have questions? Email us at [info@olws.org](mailto:info@olws.org).



Water system improvement work on Oatfield Rd., one of the projects to be featured at this event.

## Protect Our Local Waterways: Keep Pollutants Out of Storm Drains

Did you know that rainwater that enters storm drains is *not* treated before it's discharged into local waterways?

Trash and pollutants collected as rainwater runs down roads end up in rivers and streams, negatively affecting water quality and wildlife. Here are ways you can help:

### Keep storm drains clear of debris

Keep leaves and trash away from storm drains to keep water flowing.

### Clean up any spills

Keep chemicals, fertilizers, motor oil, and other pollutants off sidewalks and driveways. They end up directly in streams and rivers.

### Use salt and de-icers sparingly

These pollutants can impact local water quality, harming fish and other wildlife.

### Report illegal dumping

If you see someone pouring chemicals or other pollutants into a storm drain, please let us know. Call our main line or visit our website to submit a report:

[oaklodgewaterservices.org/  
report-illicit-discharges](https://oaklodgewaterservices.org/report-illicit-discharges)



## Reminder: Financial Assistance Programs Available

Having trouble paying your bill? Oak Lodge offers two assistance programs for eligible customers: a payment plan option and a reduced rate structure. Please contact our team to see if you qualify: (503) 654-7765 or [info@olws.org](mailto:info@olws.org).



**Holiday Closures:** Our offices will be closed: January 19 - MLK Day; February 16 - Presidents Day  
*Staff are on-call via our main phone number for emergencies.*

## Infrastructure Improvement Project Updates

### Oatfield Rd Water Main Replacements Project

We're replacing more than 16,000 feet of water main pipes along Oatfield Rd. to improve system reliability. The first phase of the work is expected to be completed by June 2026.

### Glen Echo (LS6) Sewer Improvement Project

This sewer improvement project started in mid-December. Part of our larger Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Program, its goal is to keep rainwater out of the sewer system, specifically in the southern end of our service area near Gladstone.

### Courtney Ave Sewer Improvement Project

This project, also part of our Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Program, will repair and replace aging sewer pipes and manholes along Courtney Ave. between River Rd. and McLoughlin Blvd.



*A new water main pipe is installed as part of the Oatfield Rd. project*

Stay up-to-date on all of our current projects at:  
[oaklodgewaterservices.org/active-projects](https://oaklodgewaterservices.org/active-projects)

## Use Less Water This Winter; Save All Year

Oak Lodge uses a winter averaging system to determine your wastewater bill for the next year. We base this on your winter water use, when most household water enters the wastewater system and must be treated. In summer, some water — such as that used for lawn or garden watering — soaks into the ground instead of entering the system. Using winter water use gives a more accurate estimate of the wastewater you generate.

That means reducing your water use now can help you save on your bill next year. There are several ways to conserve water without sacrificing your comfort. We recommend:

- Checking for leaks
- Switching to water-efficient fixtures and appliances
- Being mindful of water waste, for example, only running full dishwasher or laundry loads



## 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.:

January 13 | February 10 | March 10

Find more details at [oaklodgewaterservices.org](https://oaklodgewaterservices.org) or email [info@olws.org](mailto:info@olws.org) for assistance.