



King County Water District 90

November & December 2019

Newsletter

Calendar

Board of Commissioner
Meetings (4:30pm)
First and Third
Tuesdays at the
District Office

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Dick Gidner Retiring as Commissioner of Water District No. 90



Richard (Dick) Gidner has lived in the District since 1983. He is retired from Boeing after serving for many years in a variety of engineering and business management positions. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration.

Dick holds the No. 2 Commissioner Position, and his term ends in December 2019. Dick was appointed to the KCWD90 Board in 2005 and has since been re-elected twice. He has been an excellent leader for the District with his strong background in both engineering and business.

In addition to his active role as a Commissioner at KCWD90; he is very well known and prominent in the Renton Community. He often chairs the Renton Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee, served on the Hearing and Speech Board for the Department of Health for six years, held several positions with the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) Organization and has supported many local politicians.

If you have had the opportunity to spend any time with Dick, you know that he is a joy to be around. Dick has a great sense of humor and a laugh that is contagious. He is always down to earth. He'll say, *"You don't need to be so formal by calling me Sir or Commissioner Gidner, you can call me Dick!"*

Grita, Dick's wife of 63 years, has been at his side through all of this. Grita is a retired registered nurse and a certified medical/surgical nurse. She worked in hospitals in five states as she and Dick moved around the country.

Dick, thank you for your service, leadership, and friendship. It's hard to say good-bye to Commissioner Gidner after 14 years of service, but we'll save the first parking stall for you, Dick, so come back for a visit very soon!

Congratulations to Mr. Pete Eberle as the No. 2 Commissioner, elect. Pete's term will start on January 1, 2020. Welcome aboard, Pete!

TIME TO WINTERIZE

Now is the time to prepare for winter weather. A few simple steps can help you prevent frozen pipes and leaks. KCWD#90 maintains the supply system from the source to your meter. You are responsible for protecting the water pipes from the meter to and throughout your home from freezing. Each winter, homes are damaged from water pipes that freeze, burst, and then leak. By taking a few simple precautions, you can avoid the mess, hassle, and cost of repairing leaky pipes.

Here are a few simple steps you can take:



Protect Your Spigot from Freezing

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl space or basement.
- Know where your water shut-off valve is located.
- Outdoor hose bibs are susceptible to freezing. Learn how to insulate your hose bib by watching the Protect Outdoor Spigots video. <https://www.savingwater.org/indoors/fixing-leaks/how-to-videos>
- Never leave a garden hose attached to the faucet in freezing weather.
- Winterize your sprinkler system. Make sure your shut-off valve is off, and the irrigation lines are drained to prevent freezing and, in the system.

Winterize Your Vacant House

If you leave your house for several days, take the following steps to protect pipes from freezing:

- Turn off the main shut-off valve.
- Turn off the electricity or gas to the water heater.
- If the house is going to be vacant for an extended length of time, the water heater should also be drained.
- Open indoor and outdoor faucets to drain pipes.
- Flush toilet once to drain the tank but not the bowl.
- Leave your heat on at a minimum temperature setting to help keep pipes from freezing in the interior walls.

If Your Pipes Freeze Don't Take Chances

- If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber.
- If you detect that your water pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shut-off valve is and how to open and close it.
- **NEVER try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame.** Water damage is preferable to fire damage.
- You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe with the warm air from a hair dryer (see picture). Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of insulating your pipe.
- **DO NOT use electrical appliances in areas of standing water, you could get electrocuted!**
- REMEMBER, if you need help turning the water off, we are only a phone call away.



DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE DISTRICT'S LOW INCOME / PERMANENTLY DISABLED RATE?
Our income limits to qualify will increase effective January 2020. Customers over 55 (OR permanently disabled) with income less than \$25,000 (increased from \$22,000) for a single and less than \$35,000 (increased from \$27,000) for a family, qualifies for the discount rate. Check out our website or contact the office for more info. 425-255-9600. The application can be found at: <https://www.kcwd90.com/forms/000168.pdf>