



King County Water District 90

Summer 2023

Newsletter

Calendar

Board of Commissioner
Meetings (1:00pm)
First and Third
Tuesdays at the
District Office

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The District's own Operations Manager, Joshua Drummond, was instrumental in the approval of HB 1621. This bill standardizes procurement rules between Cities, Public Utility Districts, and Special Purpose Districts within the state. The limit on self-performed work increased from \$50,000 to \$300,000. This means that we can now complete more work in-house with our water district staff. This will save the District money and expedite smaller capital projects.

Way to go, Josh!



Picture includes: Chuck Clarke, President of the Washington Association of Water & Sewer Districts (WASWD), Governor Jay Inslee, Judi Gladstone, WASWD Executive Director, and Joshua Drummond, KCWD90 Operations Manager.

BACKFLOW TESTS ARE DUE

If you have an in-ground irrigation* system, you must have a Backflow Device that keeps the water from moving backward into the water system due to back pressure or back siphonage (such as a large leak). These devices are required to be tested annually to ensure that the backflow device is working correctly. The District monitors over 1,200 devices; each year, 10 to 30 devices fail and must be repaired or replaced. If you are required to have your backflow tested, test reports should be received by our Backflow Vendor, BSI, no later than June 30 every year. BSI sends out reminder postcards annually in May. Your backflow tester pays \$15 per test to upload them into the BSI system. Customers that don't comply with the law may be subject to disconnection until a satisfactory test is submitted.

**other risks, such as in-ground pools, soda machines, wells, landfills, and schools, also require backflow devices. Contact the office for more information.*



WONDERING WHAT IS IN YOUR WATER?

The District's Water Quality Report for 2022 is now available for your review. This report is also referred to as the "Consumer Confidence Report." Please scan the QR code to the left or go to www.kcwd90.com/forms/001051.pdf. The District is pleased to report that there are no PFAS or PFOA (aka Forever Chemicals) in our water or SPU's water supply.

WILDFIRE SEASON SAFETY FOR HOMES & BUSINESSES



Two years ago, when temperatures hit 110 degrees, the District had a wildfire just East of our District boundary. District water was used to fight this fire, and you – our ratepayer, paid for that water. To avoid additional wildfires within the District, preparing your home for wildfire could make the difference between remaining safe or “going up in smoke.”

As wildfire season approaches, simple tasks like trimming back trees, shrubs, and bushes, and creating “Defensible Space” around a home or business, can help make neighborhoods and communities safer. Spring is the right time to create defensible space around your home. There are several easy ways a homeowner can prepare their property for the threat of wildfires, including:

- Removing all the dead and dying vegetation.
- Regularly clearing your roof and rain gutters by removing dead leaves and pine needles.
- Trimming Trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- Relocate firewood and lumber 30-100 feet out from buildings, structures, etc.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from under decks, balconies, and stairs.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire.
- Strategically landscape with fire-resistant plants within 30 feet of your home.

For more information on wildfire preparedness and Defensible Space, visit www.ready.gov/wildfires or go to the National Fire Protection Association at nfpa.org.

Leak Notifications

Over the past four years, the District has upgraded most of our meters. The new meters have extremely sensitive leak detection capabilities. Even a slow drip in the faucet will trigger a leak warning. A leak warning is triggered if water is continuously flowing through the meter at least once every 15 minutes. District staff is working hard to notify customers on the leak report sooner than in the past. It is important that we have current email addresses and phone numbers so that these notifications are received. Before you hire a plumber or a contractor to fix your leak, it is a good idea to determine the location and size of the leak. You can always contact the office for more information at info@kcwd90.com or 425-255-9600.

- Do we have your **current phone number**? We use your number to notify you of water emergencies, construction shutdowns, potential leaks, and shut-offs for non-payment. Be sure we can reach you!