

December 2022 Newsletter

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Our Water District

The Rivergrove Water District is situated in Clackamas and Washington County serving 1,383 service connections which includes approximately 4,200 customers in four jurisdictions. Those jurisdictions include the Cities of Lake Oswego, Tualatin, and Rivergrove as well as unincorporated Clackamas County.

Our District is bounded on the South by the Tualatin River, on the East by Riverbend and Barton Road, on the North by Jean Road, and on the West by 65th Avenue. Our area is approximately one square mile. Within this radius, we have 17 miles of pipeline, 113 fire hydrants, and 1,383 meters. We have two pressure zones denoted as the Upper and Lower systems.

The District runs by policies and procedures of the adopted Water Service Ordinance. The Board of Commissioners is comprised of 5 elected citizens who reside within the District's jurisdiction. These elected officials serve a 4-year term. Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at 4:30 pm in the District office. In addition to the Board, the District employs 3 full-time staff members and a part-time finance specialist.

Where Does Our Water Come From?

Rivergrove Water District's water source is groundwater that comes from wells drilled into the Columbia River Basalt Aquifer. We have three wells that supply our current demand: Well 1 is located on Old Gate Road, Well 2 is located on Hilltop Road, and Well 3 is located on Olson Court. Our water is stored in three reservoirs: two located on Hilltop Road and one located on Olson Court.

Our wells are healthy as indicated by annual testing requirements and water level measurements. (See below). Despite our reliable sources of water, conservation is critical to sustaining this precious resource for future decades.

Measured Water Levels

YEAR	WELL 1	WELL 2	WELL 3
2022	40.20	184.50	164.67
2021	39.41	190.92	168.50
2020	43.58	192.50	170.67
2019	37.75	187.33	165.33
2018	40.83	187.83	165.00
2017	43.25	185.83	167.75
2016	38.41	189.16	176.08

Backflow Testing – An Annual Requirement

The new year is right around the corner along with the requirement to have your backflow tested. To ensure clean, safe, potable water, the District maintains a Cross Connection Program required by the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 333-061-0070). Customers with inground irrigation, sprinkler systems, and/or certain water features such as fountains and pools are required by law to have their backflow tested annually by a state certified tester. Annual reports are due **September 30**, **2023**. Many local testers are available starting in January. Do not delay, start now!

Water Conservation...Make every drop count

To ensure a continuous water supply for future generations, we need to conserve water today. Water is crucial to our health: we must conserve it while also protecting it from contamination. To encourage conservation and wise water use, the District has an easy-to-read 5 ½ x 7 ½ booklet that offers 13 ways to conserve water and help lower your costs. We also offer an engaging Coloring & Activities Book with stickers for children. This playful approach teaches children about water conservation and encourages the next generation to protect this valuable resource. If you would like a copy of either book, please call the office. Due to limited supplies, the activity book is limited to two per household.

Let's Stay In-touch...

The Rivergrove Water District is now part of the Nextdoor community. This is just another avenue for you to contact us and remain informed. Remember, our website is full of useful information designed for you.