



Clackamas River Water

## Clackamas River Water Newsletter

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An important conservation message  
for our customers

This summer our region is experiencing exceptionally dry conditions. As August comes to an end, and the first day of school and fall are on the horizon, it's easy to forget about water conservation. These dry, late summer conditions mean that it's still important for all of us to conserve water. Water levels in the Clackamas River often get low this time of year, and this year is no exception. With this in mind, Clackamas River Water is encouraging its customers continue to be good stewards by using water wisely and efficiently.



Looking ahead, remember that September is typically a dry, warm transition out of summer and into fall. Dormancy in plants is triggered by shorter days and longer nights. Plant metabolisms will begin to slow down dramatically by mid-September as the days become shorter and the nights longer. Because the plants are going dormant to prepare for winter, adding water during this time will not extend the growing season or help your plants green up. By mid-September your outside watering should be reduced by at least 15% to 20% and all regular watering should cease by the middle of October.

Clackamas River Water monitors stream flows on the Clackamas River closely, and will notify you if river levels reach a point where we as a community need to do more to reduce water use. For now, continue to practice good water management on your landscapes. This will continue to pay big dividends not only in lower water bills but also helping to protect the ecosystem now and for future generations. Remember, your water use determines how much water we draw from the Clackamas River.

*Use what you need, but help us keep excess water where it will do the most good, in the river!*

The Hattan Road Transmission Main and Pump Station projects are currently out to bid. Construction is estimated to start this September and will impact areas of Hattan Road between Springwater and Fischer's Mill roads. Please keep an eye out for signage that will be posted in the near future, warning of the upcoming construction and for motorists to seek alternate routes. Thank you for your patience as the District completes these important projects to improve water service to our customers!

UPDATE



**Need a little help saving water outside?**

CRW customers are eligible for a FREE Residential Landscape Water Audit through the Clackamas River Water Providers?

**What is a landscape water audit?**

A landscape water audit is an assessment of your lawn, garden areas, irrigation system and more.

Our landscape auditor will assess your lawn and garden areas, irrigation system and more. Upon completion of the audit you will be provided written recommendations to help you manage your outdoor water use for a more water efficient landscape and irrigation system.

Interested customers can contact the Clackamas River Water Providers at **503-723-3511** or email [christine@clackamasproviders.org](mailto:christine@clackamasproviders.org) to schedule an audit.



Audits are booked on a first come first serve basis. Audits will be performed at each site one time only.



## Make a plan.

### What's your plan?

Emergencies are more common than most of us think they are. Having a plan for what to do, where to go, and how to meet up with members of your household will make it easier for you to reconnect with loved ones when the unexpected does happen.

Here are some tips to help you start making a plan for emergencies:

- **Make a contact list:** Today much of our lives are on our mobile devices - this includes people's phone numbers. Make sure you have your key people's contact information written down and tucked into your emergency kit so that you have the information that you need to connect with them and let them know you are okay - even if your phone doesn't work!
- **Assign an out of state contact:** During a regional disaster, there is a good chance that local phone lines will be down. As a result, you may find that someone far away may be better able to receive and relay information about you and your family to others. Your contact should be able to send and receive texts because you may find that you can send and receive texts but cannot make a voice call during an emergency.
- **Plan where to meet:** Since disasters can happen at any time and anywhere it is important to have a plan for how you will reconnect with your family. As you put your plan together, think about your family's daily routines and where they take you, then create a plan for how and where you will reconnect. Make sure to include a meeting location inside and outside your neighborhood so that you know where to go in case you cannot make it back to your home.

Congratulations to our  
Finance & Accounting  
Department!



CRW's CAFR is available on our web site at <https://bit.ly/2Km2X9e>.

CRW has been notified by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) that our Fiscal Year 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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in observance of Labor Day.**

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