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# SKY LINES

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## Where to Find Help

Check out **Washington Connection** – your link to services for families and individuals such as food, cash, childcare, Drive-In WiFi hotspots, long-term care and Medicare savings programs. This also includes the **Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP)** mentioned in our last newsletter.

Information on programs and services can be found online at:

[www.WashingtonConnection.org](http://www.WashingtonConnection.org) or by calling 1-877-501-2233.

### You may also contact:

Skyway Customer Assistance Program (CAP)  
through Salvation Army:

**425-255-5969**

St. Vincent DePaul:

**206-767-6449**

Catholic Community Services:

**253-854-0077**

WA State Department of Health:

**1-800-525-0127**

Utilities and Transportation Commission

Consumer Hotline:

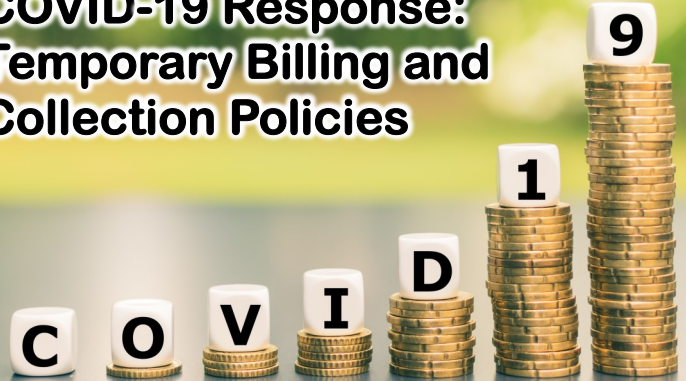
**1-888-333-9882**

For more information, see the Frequently Asked Questions on our website:

<https://www.skywayws.org/faq.php>



## COVID-19 Response: Temporary Billing and Collection Policies



Check our website for the latest information or email us at [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org).

More than a year has passed since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The District responded to the situation on March 24, 2020 and implemented **temporary** policies that remain in place when this newsletter went to print including:

- Water shut offs for non-payment are **temporarily** suspended.
- Late fees and lien interest charges are **temporarily** suspended.
- When staff become aware of a property that was previously shutoff and that is legally occupied, the District will temporarily restore service.

The District **will continue to charge customer's accounts for water and/or sewer service.** The District cannot "forgive" water and sewer service billings under Washington State law.

As our region recovers from the pandemic, these temporary policies will be adjusted as necessary. We do understand that many of our customers have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. District Commissioners and staff are considering various options to ensure that customers experiencing economic hardship as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to have access to essential services through extended payment options, customer assistance programs, and notifications. For the most current information, check our website at [www.skywayws.org](http://www.skywayws.org). Questions about these temporary policies should be sent to [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org) due to staff limitations handling phone calls at this time.

## Make Life a Little Easier

Tired of writing that check every other month? Want to save a stamp? Like to save time? For your convenience, Skyway Water & Sewer District can automatically deduct your bi-monthly water and/or sewer bill directly from your checking or savings account. Simply visit our website at [www.skywayws.org](http://www.skywayws.org) and find the Autopay Authorization form under **Forms & Publications** in the drop-down menu. If you have any questions, email us at [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org) or call 206-772-7343.

## Sewer Inspection When Buying a Home!

In the May newsletter, we reminded our customers that if you are thinking about buying a home, be sure to have the side sewer inspected as part of your overall pre-purchase home inspection. This inspection should be done by a plumber or qualified contractor. A homeowner is typically not qualified to perform this type of work.



The reason to perform the inspection is that the homeowner also owns and is responsible for maintaining, repairing and/or replacing the home's side sewer "from the drain to the main". This means that all the drain pipes in the house and the pipe that runs from the house all the way to the sewer mainline (often located in the street right-of-way) is the homeowner's responsibility.

## CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In our last newsletter, we reported that design of the District's **Small Diameter Watermain Replacement** capital project was in progress. Design is complete and contract documents are being finalized. This project is located in the **Bryn Mawr neighborhood** on streets generally located between 84<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Ave South from South 115<sup>th</sup> Street to South 128<sup>th</sup> Street and includes replacement of approximately 5,900 linear feet of aged and deteriorated 2-inch and 4-inch water main with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe. New service lines from the water mains to the meters and fire hydrants will also be installed. After approval from the Board of Commissioners, the project will be advertised for bid, with construction anticipated to begin this summer.



Design of the Districts **Skyway Park North Sewer Replacement Phase 1** project is complete, and preparation of contract documents is well underway. This Phase 1 project is located northeast of Renton Ave between 72nd Place So and 76th Ave So. It replaces approximately 6,100 lineal feet of gravity sewer main, 35 sewer manholes, and redirects/reconnects side sewers for approximately 128 single-family homes and two apartment buildings. Approximately 4,000 lineal feet of watermain will also be replaced as part of the project. Construction is planned to begin this summer, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners. Check our website at [www.skywayws.org](http://www.skywayws.org) for updates or contact the District at [info@skywayws.org](mailto:info@skywayws.org) or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.

## WHCA News *and* Updates



### Join our Summer Quarterly Meeting in July

**Facebook.com/MyWestHill** Our Summer Community Meeting is Tuesday, July 20. Watch live on Facebook at 7 p.m. and learn about what's new in the neighborhood!



### Time, Skills, Dollars - Find Your Role

**MyWestHill.org/join** You care about your community. Join us and do something about it! Whether joining a committee, donating funds, or amplifying outreach efforts, your support is always needed.



### More Local News, Updates, and Information

**MyWestHill.org/news** Find more stories from the community, helpful resources, and more.



### Check Out Your Local Events Calendar

**MyWestHill.org/calendar** There's always something new being added to our online events calendar. Take a look!

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:** In these uncertain times, things change and news updates quickly. Our website, social media accounts, and newsletter are great ways to stay in the loop: **MyWestHill.org/connect**



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