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# SKY LINES

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## Public Service Announcement

If you have **gas service** for any of your appliances (clothes dryer, stove, furnace, or other) you may want to consider installing an **Excess Flow Valve (EFV)**. An EFV is an underground device that automatically restricts the flow of natural gas if there is a sudden break in the service line, such as from an earthquake. An EFV is usually located near where the gas service joins the gas main (e.g., close to the street or near the property line). If the service pipe downstream of this valve is severed, the sudden increase in the flow of gas may trigger the valve and reduce the flow of gas under certain conditions. It will not protect against a malfunctioning appliance, a leak on any of the pipelines on the customer's side of the meter, a meter leak, or small punctures in the service line. Customers who wish to have an EFV installed should contact Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-321-7779. More information can be found at <https://www.pse.com/en/pages/excess-flow-valves>



## Save Water, Go Golden

The average global May temperature was 2.12 degrees F above the 20th-century average of 58.6 degrees F, ranking as the warmest May in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) 175-year global record. In addition, May 2024 marked the 12th-consecutive month of record-high temperatures for the planet.

Closer to home, the Office of the Washington State Climatologist reports that averaged statewide, May precipitation was on the dry side, tying as the 68th driest in 130 years with 86% of normal precipitation.

**It's important for us to be good stewards of our precious water resource. Let's do our part!**

- Take shorter showers
- Wash only full loads of laundry
- Fill the bathtub less when bathing
- Check for leaks and repair them as soon as possible
- Turn the water off when shaving or brushing your teeth
- Water your lawn and plants only when necessary; 1 inch a week is enough for most lawns
- Install low flow faucet aerators and shower heads
- Avoid running the faucet for a cold drink. Keep a pitcher in the refrigerator instead
- Use a dish squeegee or paper towel to remove food from plates. It saves water and keeps Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) out of the sewer lines.

**Every drop you save is one more drop available in the future!**



## If You Have a Water Leak!!

Previously, we provided information on how customers may apply for an adjustment to your bill in the event of a water leak. This month, we'd like to talk about what to do if you have an actual water leak.



If you have a valve near where the leak is, or a shutoff valve inside your house where the water service line enters the house, turn the valve off. This will stop water from leaking until you can arrange for a plumber to do a repair or for you to do the repair yourself.

If you are not able to turn off the water at the house, then call the District office during normal business hours at 206-772-7343 or **after hours at 207-842-4719** to reach our answering service and on-call Field Technician for assistance. If you do not have a primary shutoff valve inside your house, you may want to consider having one installed. This primary valve will allow you to turn off the water in case of an emergency or when you are away from home for vacation or other extended periods.

## Water Heater Expansion Tank

A water heater expansion tank is an expansion tank for your hot water heater. It is a small secondary tank that is a safety measure for your water heating system. The expansion tank helps alleviate overflow and excess pressure by acting like a receptacle and prevents damage to your water heating system. <https://plumbingnav.com/water-heaters/water-heater-expansion-tanks-a-complete-guide/> Routine maintenance should be performed on the expansion tank by a licensed plumber to make sure the tank is

performing correctly. If not set correctly, the expansion tank could affect how your water meter reads water consumption.





**SKYWAY RESIDENTS:  
Get a Free Home  
Electrification Assessment!**



Seattle City Light is partnering with Puget Sound Energy to offer Skyway residents a free home energy assessment. Schedule your free assessment to get resources on saving energy and reducing your energy bills. Visit [pse.com/ElectricPlan](https://pse.com/ElectricPlan) to sign up.

**Who qualifies?**

Free home electrification assessments are available for all PSE residential natural gas customers including owners and renters.

- ✓ Free Energy-Saving Plan & Resources + \$50 gift card
- ✓ Free Heat pump installation (base on income eligibility)

Get in touch with a Community Liaison who can provide more information about this FREE program and get you signed up today!

**Community Liaison contacts:**

- Spanish – email Kathleen at [zumbadora58@gmail.com](mailto:zumbadora58@gmail.com)
- Somali – email Abdi at [globalreachconsultantllc@gmail.com](mailto:globalreachconsultantllc@gmail.com)
- Chinese – email Elise at [communityliaison2019@gmail.com](mailto:communityliaison2019@gmail.com)
- Vietnamese – email LeVinh at [maiflowersdesign@gmail.com](mailto:maiflowersdesign@gmail.com)



KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 20

# Annual Health & Safety Fair 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
12424 76TH AVE S., SEATTLE, WA 98178

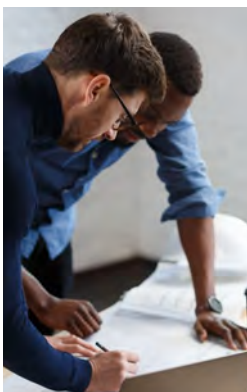


## JOIN US FOR A DAY OF COMMUNITY FUN!

- FREE school supplies, courtesy of The Alajawan Brown Foundation
- FREE bicycle helmets
- Junior Firefighter challenge
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog
- Regional Resource Provider Booths

## CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**D**esign of the **Rainier Ave S/S 113th Watermain Replacement** project continues. The 60% design plans to replace the existing watermain have been completed and easements needed for the project have been prepared. This project, located east of Rainier Ave S near S 113th St replaces



~1,250 linear feet of 6-inch asbestos cement pipe and 2-inch galvanized pipe with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe and replaces existing water service lines, valves and fire hydrants. Construction is planned for Summer 2024. The project is funded in part by a 20-year low-interest Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) loan from the Department of Commerce.

Design of the **80th Ave S Sewer Extension** project continues to proceed as planned. Additional survey was conducted to provide for future extension of the sewer system on South 128th Street east of 80th Ave South. This project is funded by a King County \$1 million Equitable



Wastewater Futures grant and will make public sewer available to residents currently on septic systems in the project area. The project includes construction of ~850 linear feet of new sewer main north along 80th Ave S from the 12800 block, across Renton Ave S, and continuing north to the intersection at S 126th St. Construction is planned for completion by December 2024. The project will also provide the opportunity for sewer service to be expanded to adjacent areas through the formation

of a Utility Local Improvement District (ULID) or possibly through other funding options.

Capital facilities are, for the most part, constructed by the District as major capital improvement projects funded by customer rates and charges. These projects typically include water and sewer main replacement, pump station and lift station replacement or upgrades, and water treatment facilities upgrades. Other methods for financing the construction of new capital facilities include developer extension, formation of a ULID, or through low interest loans or grants which may become available from time to time.