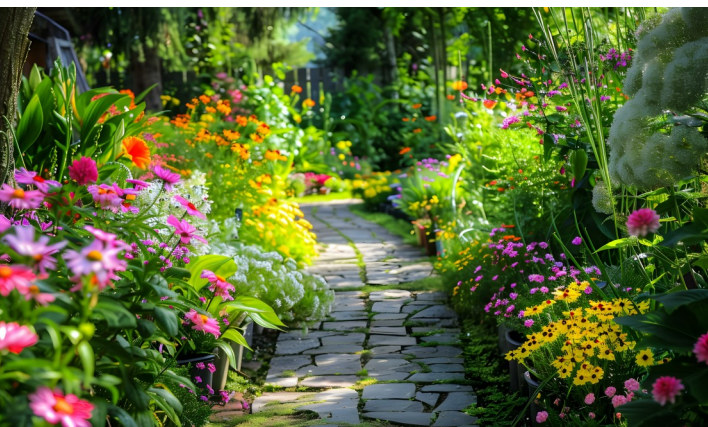




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“Turf Out” Rebate Program

Did you know that turfgrass (grass or lawn) is an extremely water-intensive plant? To keep your lawn green, you may need to apply approximately 1 inch of water each week. For a 2,000 square foot lawn that equals nearly 14 CCF or 10,000 gallons of water bi-monthly.

Skyway Water & Sewer District is a founding member of Cascade Water Alliance (CWA). CWA’s mission is to provide water to meet the current and future needs of its members in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner. As part of its water conservation initiatives, CWA recently launched the new **Turf Out** rebate program to encourage residents and organizations to remove their grass lawns and replace them with native or drought-tolerant plants. Residents can earn up to \$500 back and organizations can earn up to \$1,000 back by replacing their turf with native plants. For more information, visit: <https://cascadewater.org/water-efficiency/turf-out/>.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Design of the **Rainier Ave S/S 113th Watermain Replacement** project continues as easements needed for the project have been requested from residents. 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 Fall 2025. The project is funded in part by a 20-year low-interest Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) loan from the Department of Commerce.

Construction of the **80th Avenue South Sewer Extension** project by R.L. Alia began on January 6th and is nearing completion. Sewer main lines and stubs along 80th Ave S and S 126th St are complete. Five properties within the project area have been connected to sewer and their onsite septic systems (OSS) have been decommissioned. By the time this issue goes to print, we anticipate two more properties will have been connected to sewer and their OSS decommissioned. In addition to side sewer and OSS work, this project included construction of ~850 linear feet of new sewer main along 80th Avenue South from the 12800 block, north across Renton Avenue South, and continuing a short distance past the intersection at South 126th Street. This project is funded in part by a grant from the King County Climate Equity Pool, administered by the Public Health Equitable Wastewater Futures program. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/45xDIhH>.

Construction of the **First Cities Pump Station Pump Replacement** project by Gary Harper Construction, Inc. began on February 18th and reached physical completion on May 30, 2025. The project is located in the Martin Luther King Jr Way S right-of-way and the work included replacement of two existing sewer pumps and associated pipes and valves; traffic control; removal and disposal of existing pumps, pipes, and valves; installation of new pumps, piping and valves; temporary by-pass pump installation; installation of temporary and permanent fencing; and restoration.

Contact the District at info@skywayws.org or 206-772-7343 if you would like more information.

Is there a Drought?

You may have read or heard about this season’s drought/water supply situation. On June 5, the Washington Department of Ecology expanded the drought emergency declared in April to include areas in the North and Central Cascade Mountains and parts of the Puget Sound area. However, the areas served by Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett water utilities, which include Skyway, remain under drought advisory (not an emergency). As a result, we do not anticipate any impact to our customers and are doing our part to conserve water resources by:

- Checking water well level.
- Finding water leaks and repairing them.
- Educating our customers about water conservation.

Save Water. Go Golden!

The Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5) published November 14, 2023 reports that warming is apparent in every region of the United States. According to the annual report from NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, 2024 was the warmest year since global records began in 1850.

These changes impact our environment, including our water supply and 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 fix them promptly
- Turn the water off while shaving or brushing your teeth
- Water lawns/plants only when needed; 1 inch/week is enough for most
- Install low-flow faucet aerators and shower heads
- Avoid running the tap for cold water—keep a pitcher in the fridge
- Use a dish squeegee or paper towel to scrape food off plates—saves water and keeps FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease) out of sewers

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



Cascade Water Alliance Connects Communities for Clean, Safe and Reliable Water Supply

(Second in a series following the March issue.)

In our March issue, we provided a brief introduction to the Cascade Water Alliance (CWA). In addition to Skyway Water & Sewer District, CWA members include the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, Tukwila, and Sammamish Plateau Water.

Collectively, these members serve over 400,000 residents and support an employment population of 380,000. CWA offers water efficiency and conservation programs, classes, and outreach throughout the member service areas—saving tens of millions of gallons of water annually. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors, with each member appointing a representative. Skyway is represented by Commissioner Jon Ault, with Commissioner Gary Schulz serving as his alternate.

The CWA Board makes policy decisions on current and future water supply, guided by the goal of ensuring long-term reliability while maintaining the flexibility to select the best sources of supply in the future.

WHCA News and Updates

- **Summer Quarterly Community Meeting** – Join us at Skyway VFW on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. to learn all about what's new in the community.
- **Skyway Outdoor Cinema is back this August!** Follow us for updates: MyWestHill.org/connect
- **Want to support community events and advocacy?** Join us! Volunteers and donors power this work. Learn more at MyWestHill.org/join



Our website, socials, & newsletter are great ways to stay in the loop!

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King County Fire District No. 20

Saturday, August 16, 2025
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
12424 76th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98178
(206) 772-1430
www.king20fire.org

Start your day with our **FREE Community & Friends breakfast!**
8 AM - 10 AM

Join us for a day of community fun!
-FREE school supplies, courtesy of the Alajawan Brown Foundation
-FREE bicycle helmets
-Junior Firefighter Challenge
-Resource Provider Booths
-Meet Sparky the Fire Dog

THANK YOU to our community partners!