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Help Stop Water Pollution

In addition to many other activities, King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) manages various programs to control water pollution at the source. These programs include Education and Engagement for residents in the County service area, which includes the Skyway/West Hill area. WTD supports free education clinics such as "Puget Sounds Starts Here" and "Don't Drip and Drive" and promotes proper pet waste disposal and preventing trash disposal into the sewer system. The Hazardous Waste Program includes extensive online program information about convenient collection services for residents and businesses and education, assistance and incentives to reduce toxic materials exposures.



To learn more about what you can do to keep our water bodies clean and healthy, visit the County website at [Hazardous Waste Management Program - King County, Washington](http://www.kingcounty.gov/347/Hazardous-Waste-Management-Program) or contact the Household Hazards Line at 206-296-4692.



Expanded Hours for Your Convenience

Beginning January 1, 2026, our office hours will be:

Monday–Thursday | 6:30 AM – 5:00 PM

The office will be **closed on Fridays**.

These extended hours provide more flexibility for customers who need assistance outside of traditional business times.

Farewell 2025 and Welcome to 2026!

Over the past year District staff have been busy working hard to operate and maintain your water and sewer systems:

- Collected and analyzed approximately 8,000 water samples including the fifth round of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) testing. UCMR 5 required sample collection to test for 30 chemical contaminants between 2023 and 2025 using analytical methods developed by the EPA and consensus organizations.
- Installed 6 new water service connections.
- Cleaned your 9 sewer pump stations weekly.
- Repaired 3 main breaks in your 40 miles of water main and repaired or replaced 16 service lines and 1 fire hydrant.
- Completed construction of the 80th Avenue South Sewer Extension capital project. Decommissioned onsite septic systems (OSS) on 7 properties and connected them to public District sewer service.
- Processed 72 requests for Certificates of Water/Sewer Availability, 39 Applications for Water/Sewer service and 61 Side Sewer Permits.
- Monitored 7 pressure reducing stations.
- Recorded more than 21,330 individual meter readings for water consumption.
- Have converted approximately 92% of the District's water system to AMR (Automated Meter Reading) by exchanging an additional 501 meters in 2025.
- Maintained and exercised 132 water distribution system valves.

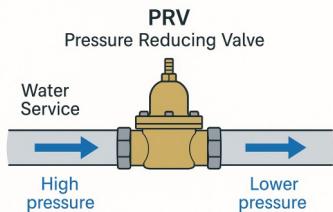
In calendar year 2026, we plan to:

- Construct the Rainier Ave South/South 113th Street capital project to replace approximately 1,250 feet of old and undersized water main pipe.
- Finalize design and advertise the Skyway Park North Phase 1 project to replace approximately 6,100 feet of sewer main pipe, 35 manholes, and 4,000 lineal feet of watermain pipe.
- Convert approximately 283 individual water meters to AMR to complete this project.
- Deploy leak detection equipment for ongoing water system monitoring and evaluation.

Our mission is to provide you with reliable and cost-effective water and sewer service every day. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Maintenance

If you have a pressure-reducing valve (PRV) installed on your water service line, it may be powered by a battery. If it is, you may experience an unexpected interruption in water supply if the battery fails. The PRV is designed to close or “turn off” as a safety precaution when the PRV no longer functions due to the loss of battery power. The battery would need to be replaced, and you may need to contact a plumber to perform this service.



2025 RATE ASSISTANCE



During 2025 there were 329 qualifying low-income senior or disabled customers that participated in the District's Rate Discount Program. The cost of this program was approximately \$157,210.08 -- \$37,187.76 in water service and \$120,022.32 in sewer service.

Have an Outside Sewer Blockage??

If your sewer is blocked beyond your home's walls, call Puget Sound Energy (PSE) when your plumber is on the way – or have your plumber call – at **1-888-225-5773**. Some natural gas lines have inadvertently been installed through sewer or septic lines (a cross bore). Using cutting tools could rupture the gas line, causing a dangerous leak. PSE will meet your plumber onsite – **for free** – to ensure it's safe to clear. Learn more at www.pse.com/sewersafety



Skyway Community Van

Discover how to borrow a Community Van, become a volunteer driver, or catch a ride in your neighborhood. Rides cost the same as a standard bus fare—and are open to everyone. Youth 18 and under ride free. Get to where you want to go!

Questions? Please contact Skyway Community Van Coordinator Kahdijah Jackson at skywayvan@kingcounty.gov or 206-384-7479

WHCA News and Updates

- Winter Quarterly Community Meeting:** Join us at Lakeridge Elementary on Tuesday, January 20 to learn all about what's new in the community. Food at 6:30 p.m. and presentations start at 7 p.m. Also on Facebook Live!
- Lunar New Year:** We'll be celebrating at Skyway Library on 2/17 from 6:30-8 p.m. with games and free food from My's Vietnamese Sandwiches and Deli! All welcome!
- Support community events and advocacy:** Join us! Volunteers & donors power this work: MyWestHill.org/join



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