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SKY LINES

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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Installing a new fence or doing a repair? Planting a new tree? Installing a new mailbox? Call before you dig!

Any digging requires that you contact the 811 center, either by calling 811 from anywhere in the U.S. or making your request through our states 811 website. www.DigSafeWA.com

If you **dial 811**, follow the prompts and you will be connected to a representative from our state's 811 center who will ask you simple questions about the location and details of your digging project. If you make your request online, you will enter the same information into a form. Either way, you will receive a ticket number and instructions for how much time utilities have to respond to your request, as well as how to confirm that all utilities have responded before you can safely dig.



Office Hours Reminder

To better serve our customers, office hours changed effective January 1, 2026, to **Monday–Thursday, 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM**. The office is closed on Fridays.

These expanded hours provide greater flexibility for customers who need assistance outside of traditional business hours. We look forward to serving you!



Please Use Water Wisely

As reported in our last issue, on April 8th the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) declared a **statewide drought emergency**. While some parts of the state are experiencing drought conditions, the areas served by Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett water utilities planned for these conditions early in the winter **and do not anticipate any impacts** to their customers, **which includes the District**.

This is the fourth statewide drought emergency since 2015 and the fourth year in a row that at least a portion of Washington State has been in a drought emergency. And although we experience rainy days throughout the seasons, water is a precious, limited resource and we ask you to use water wisely.

Typically, water consumption roughly doubles due to outdoor use in the summer. You can reduce your outdoor water use by following these tips:

- Water early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation.
- Avoid watering your lawn and plants during rain and for several days after a heavy rain event.
- Fix leaks and replace broken sprinkler heads.
- Replace portions or all of your lawn with native or drought-tolerant plants.
- Add mulch to your landscape to reduce evaporation.
- Install weather-based controllers and rain sensors on your irrigation system.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash.

You can also reduce your indoor water use by following these tips:

- Turn off the water while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Take short showers instead of baths – showers use less water.
- If you take a bath, plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub.
- When washing your hands, turn off the water while you lather.
- Wash only full loads of dishes.
- Scrape rather than rinse dishes before loading them into the dishwasher.
- Compost food waste instead of using the garbage disposal.
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the load size selection feature on the washing machine.
- Promptly repair leaks in fixtures like faucets, showerheads, pipes, and toilets.

Thank you for helping us by using water responsibly!



ANNUAL HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

SATURDAY 8/15/26

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Skyway Fire Department
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 backpack & school supplies for school-age children (limit one), courtesy of the Alajawan Brown Foundation
- Free bicycle helmets
- Junior Firefighter Challenge
- Resource Provider Booths
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog



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WHCA News and Updates

- **Skyway Outdoor Cinema is coming soon!** Mark your calendars for Friday August 7, 14, and 21 at a new location! (King County Fire District #20 training yard). Fun starts at 7 p.m. and the movie is at 8:30 p.m. MyWestHill.org/soc
- **Community Quarterly Meeting:** Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Please visit our website for details on the meeting location.
- **Support community events and advocacy:** Join us to make an impact! Volunteers & donors power this work: MyWestHill.org/join



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

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Need help with your water or sewer bill? The District funds a program in partnership with the Salvation Army to provide financial assistance to our customers who need help with paying their water and sewer bills. There are also other resources available. [Visit our website](#), scan the QR code, or call us at 206-772-7343. We are here to help you.

Assistance is available depending on your household income and number of people residing in the household. In addition to the District program, there are other local, regional and statewide programs available.



Summer is Here!!

Skyway Water and Sewer District is a member partner of Cascade Water Alliance. Through this partnership, free gardening classes are offered early in the summer season to help you have beautiful, healthy landscapes while using water efficiently. Also, free walking tours are available at local gardens led by gardening experts. Enjoy these great opportunities to learn about sprucing up your garden and yard!

Upcoming Walk & Talk Events

- July 10 – Bellevue Botanical Garden
- August 7 – Bellevue Botanical Garden

[Register for FREE Cascade Gardener events](#) or scan the QR code to learn more.



Register

Lawn Be Gone: Grass Removal Rebate

Did you know that grass is an extremely water-intensive plant? Would you consider removing some of your lawn/grass and replacing it with beautiful native or drought-tolerant plants? Not only will this reduce your water bill, but it will also help pollinators, wildlife, people, and the planet!

Skyway Water & Sewer District, in partnership with Cascade Water Alliance, offers rebates for qualifying grass removal projects.

[Learn more about the Lawn Be Gone: Grass Removal Rebate](#) or Scan the QR code to view rebate requirements and apply.

Important: Wait until you receive approval from Cascade Water Alliance before beginning your project.



Apply

Need Ideas?

The Lawn Be Gone Guide provides step-by-step information on replacing grass with a beautiful, water-efficient, pesticide-free landscape. Scan the QR code to [download the free guide](#).



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