



SALMON NEED OUR HELP

Salmon are an iconic part of our Pacific Northwest ecosystem. Please do your part to protect salmon and their freshwater habitat by using water wisely, especially in the summer and fall, when stream flows are at their lowest. Starting in July, see the results of your water saving efforts as salmon make their annual migration home to our local streams.

For more details, go to www.kingcounty.gov/salmon and click on "Salmon SEEson."

Soos Creek Water & Sewer District and Stantec Receive 2019 ACEC Award

The City of Covington's population has expanded by more than 15% since 2010, with 9% growth projected over the next five years. With new retail and medical facilities, including a hospital and an emergency room, that serve four zip codes, the Town Center has become a commercial hub for southeast King County. Soos Creek Water & Sewer District (SCWSD) needed a long-term strategy to address this growth.

Stantec has served as District Engineer for SCWSD for over 45 years, partnering with the District to design and construct infrastructure improvements as it grew from a few hundred customers to more than 106,900 living and working across 35 square miles. Early planning was critical for the team to identify the right infrastructure investments as the District embarked on their largest project to date—the \$38 million Lift Station No. 46 Regional Sewer

Conveyance Project. This system guarantees future growth by providing sewer conveyance capacity that accommodates the newly zoned Covington Town Center and surrounding area.

Lift Station No. 46 Regional Conveyance Project received the bronze award for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of WA for the 2019 Engineering Excellence Award, signifying that the project ranks one of the top in the region. A variety of professions has selected the winners based on criteria such as uniqueness and originality, technical achievement, and economic and social value.

Partnership and innovation were key to successfully delivering this 8-year project to benefit the Covington community. Congratulations to the District and Stantec for the amazing contribution to the community and the engineering industry.



SAFETY TIP

"Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? For every project, every time, call 811 at least a few days before you start any digging project. We'll help you do it safely!"

Tom Bolster, Sr. Technician – Inspections
40 years of dedicated service with Soos Creek Water & Sewer District

The mission of Soos Creek, a public agency, is to provide reliable, high quality water and sewer services in an efficient, cost effective manner.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Soos Creek Water & Sewer District's Drinking Water Quality Report is on our website at www.sooscreek.com. This annual report gives you a chance to learn more about the quality and safety of the water you drink every day. We're pleased to report that our water is among the best in the nation - check out the Water Quality Report to find out why. To request a copy of the report, or if you have any questions about the information contained in the report, contact our water quality staff at (253) 630-9900.



Construction Coming Soon to Boulevard Lanes Neighborhood

The District continues its annual AC water main replacement program. Preliminary work in the Boulevard Lanes neighborhood has begun to replace the aging and undersized water mains. The water mains are reaching the end of their useful life (installed between 1965 & 1970) and are undersized based on current codes and regulations. Additionally, there have been numerous leaks/breaks in the area. Replacing these water mains will reduce the number of breaks/leaks, maintenance costs, and increase reliability and fire flow in the neighborhood.

The District's project team will be in the area to survey the location of all facilities and other preliminary design activities over the next several months. All team members will be required to carry their business cards and photo ID and will provide this information upon request.

As part of the project, some individual water meters may be relocated. Our team will be in contact with those property owners to discuss the new locations. If you are one of the property owners our project team needs to talk with, and we miss you, the information will be left at your door for you to contact us.

Approximately 12,500 lineal feet of AC water main, fire hydrants, valves, and water service lines from the new main to the water meter will be replaced. The roadways and driveways (as needed) will be patched or overlaid as necessary, sidewalks/curbs will be repaired if required by the permitting agency, new ADA ramps will be installed, and yards will be restored (as needed).



Construction is expected to begin in early 2020. More information will be posted as construction nears. If you have questions regarding the project, please contact the District Office at (253) 630-9900.



Help with Utility Bills

In 2018, 65 low-income, permanently disabled customers and 271 low-income senior citizens took advantage of the 30 percent discount offered through the district's Utility Rate Reduction Program.

The total annual cost of the program was \$29,971.48. Based on equivalent residential units, this translates into an annual cost of 48 cents for all water customers and 48 cents for all sewer customers.

The discount doesn't apply to the King County sewage treatment charge, actual water consumption, street lighting, surcharges, and miscellaneous fees or late charges. If you would like an application for the discount program, please visit www.sooscreek.com or call (253) 630-9900.



TIP CHECK YOUR HOUSE WATER PRESSURE REGULATOR VALVE (PRV)

To prevent your fixtures, shut-off valves, garden hoses, water filters and more from rupturing or getting damaged due to excessive water pressure it is IMPORTANT to periodically check water pressure at your house.

GET A WATER PRESSURE GAUGE
at local hardware stores.

HOW TO CHECK

Screw Pressure Gauge onto outside spigot. Turn water on and check pressure.



GOOD PRESSURE
55-80 lbs/sq. in.



HIGH PRESSURE
80+ lbs/sq. in.



Adjust or replace your PRV Valve

To lower water pressure, locate your PRV valve (either in garage near water heater or under house). A screw or nut on the valve can adjust the pressure. Screw out to lower, screw in to raise.

If water pressure remains high and can't be adjusted lower, you will need to replace your PRV valve.

Replace Plastic Valves

To avoid water damage from broken plastic valves, you must replace them with metal valves. Existing plastic valves have compression connections, so replace with metal compression valves and metal reinforced hoses.

This tip was sent to us from Soos Creek customers Larry and Susan Kaler who wanted to share this valuable information after they experienced water damage in their home due to a faulty (or worn out) water pressure regulator valve. Thank you!

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