



Highline Water District

The Waterline

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Commissioner's Corner: District Welcomes Todd Fultz

Todd Fultz was appointed to the Commissioner No. 1 position at a Special Board meeting held on September 10, 2015.



Mr. Fultz was one of three applicants seeking to fill the position vacated by the passing of Commissioner Gerald "Jerry" Guite on June 28, 2015.

The Oath of Office took place at the District's September 16, 2015 Board meeting.

Mr. Fultz works within our community for Franz Family Bakeries and resides in Normandy Park with his wife and their two children.

District Board meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 9:00 AM, and the 4th Thursday each month at 9:00 AM. All board meetings are held at our District office and are open to the public.

Water Conservation

Thanks to the efforts of residential, commercial and institutional customers, regional water consumption is as low as it was in the late 1950's, even though our population has grown by more than eighty percent. The goal of the regional water conservation program for 2013-2018 is to reduce per capita water use from current levels so that the total average annual retail water use of the members of the Saving Water Partnership, is less than 105 MGD from 2013 through 2018 despite forecasted population growth.

After moving to the Voluntary Stage of their water shortage response plans on August 11, Everett, Seattle, and Tacoma asked customers to reduce their water use to stretch water supplies, for people and fish, to the rainy season. The region responded by cutting back water use by 14 percent! Highline Water applauds the efforts District residents and businesses have taken to reach that milestone.



Ways to Reduce Water Use

Let your lawn go dormant and limit plant watering to twice a week.

Water plants before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

Reduce your showering time, or encourage reduced showering times at your business facilities.

Check for and fix leaks, including checking your toilets for silent leaks.

Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.

Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.

If purchasing fixtures or equipment, choose water-efficient models.

Visit www.SavingWater.org for more water saving tips



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Fix that leaky toilet!

An old toilet flapper can be the cause for a running toilet. Since this part is made of rubber, it can get hard and break down over time. Once the plastic is worn out, it will not form a tight enough seal to stop the flow of water as it should. We have seen water bills go to hundreds of dollars due to a worn out toilet flapper.

Luckily the flapper is an inexpensive part that can be easily replaced. If you have narrowed down the problem of your running toilet to a bad toilet flapper, this quick fix can solve the problem.

The first thing to do is to turn the water to the toilet off. To drain the toilet tank simply flush the toilet after the water is turned off.

Now you need to remove the old toilet flapper. To do this, first unhinge the chain from the toilet handle rod. Next pull each side, or ear, of the flapper out to unhook it from the flush valve.

The most common toilet configuration has the flapper attached by the ears on the sides of the flush valve. If this is how your toilet is built, you will need to cut off the ring on the back of the flapper.

If your fill valve doesn't have the side hooks for the flapper you will need to use the ring to slide the flapper into place.

Put the new flapper into place and hook each ear onto the flush valve.

Connect the flapper chain onto the toilet handle rod. Make any necessary adjustments to the chain. The chain needs to be long enough to allow the flapper to sit firmly in place but not so long that it gets caught under the flapper as the water rushes out.

Turn the water back on and test by flushing a couple of times.

If you find it necessary to hire a plumber for plumbing fixture or service line repairs, **ALWAYS** obtain 3 estimates! Plumbing repair costs vary drastically from one business to another. You may save money if you have the necessary skills to do this work yourself.

