

Fruitland Mutual Water Company



American Water Works Association
Pacific Northwest Section

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS & OTHER WORK

Ongoing maintenance and upgrades to Fruitland Water's infrastructure continues. You may see our field technicians performing a variety of tasks to improve the delivery of water to your home. When possible, we do our very best to contact each potential member that may be affected, however, during an emergency time does not always allow notice to be given. Our goal is to complete projects with the least disruption to service as possible.

This summer we are planning to complete work on all the new construction in our service area. We will begin work on mainline replacement for 80th Ave, between 112th and 128th, in 2025. Notices will be sent out before work begins.

Work for the company's Well 4 was recently completed. We had new column, pump, and motor installed by Charon Drilling in January 2024.



The field crew is working on system wide maintenance, meter clearing, fire hydrant maintenance, and exercising valves. If you are concerned about any specific vegetation, let us know so we can be aware before going out to your property. You may occasionally see crew members "flushing" water mains throughout the system; this can cause water to flow and drain. This is normal and a part of keeping the water mains clean.

Unfortunately, leaks throughout the service area do occur and we depend on members to be our eyes and ears in reporting suspected leaks. If you suspect there is a leak, please call our office or email us at customerservice@fruitlandwater.com to report a leak and we will dispatch a team member to investigate.



SPRING IS COMING!

One Inch Per Week

Typically, in the south hill area, one inch per week can maintain a healthy lawn.

Consider these tips when getting ready for the hot months ahead:

- Set your irrigation to timers so you only water when needed.
- Water in the early morning or late evening to limit water loss due to evaporation
- Water root areas of your plants; watering the sidewalks, gutters, or street wastes water.
- Water only as rapidly as the soil can absorb the water.
- Place a layer of mulch around plants and trees to avoid excess evaporation.
- A good watering method is to water on an odd/even rotation (ex: If your address ends in an odd number water on odd numbered days)



New Additions to Fruitland Water:

- Starkel Estates located on 126th and 86th.
- Hamilton Estates located on 2800 block of 13th St.
- Homewood Suites located near the South Hill Mall

Square Footage Fees

Membership entitles you to receive water service from the Fruitland Mutual Water Company. The membership fee applies to the first 2,000 square feet of enclosed, roofed, or covered area of structures on your property. Any area above 2,000 square feet or additional structures on the same property will be subjected to the \$2.50 per square foot assessment. If a building permit is required, the permit will provide the square footage on which the assessment will be based. The square footage policy has been in effect since 1983 and is set forth in the bylaws of the Fruitland Mutual Water Company. If you have questions or would like a copy of the bylaws, please feel free to call the office or visit our website.

Annual Meeting and Elections

Thank you to the members who took the time to come to the 2024 Annual Board Meeting.

Congratulations to Kristina Parker on her election to the Board as a Director!

A huge thank you to Dwyane Farmer for his 12 years of service as a Director on the Board!

EXCITING NEWS!

Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County will have a booth at the Washington State fair. We will also soon begin providing opportunities for high school students to learn more about working in the water industry with the RWCPC.

Fill available!

If you need some fill, let our office know and we can deliver some to you.

Infrastructure Replacement Charges?

Monthly we charge \$8.00 to every account in our billing to continue to improve our underground infrastructure throughout the water service area.

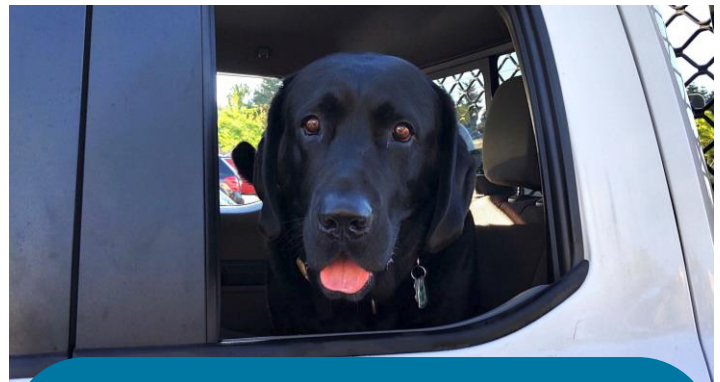
Word from our General Manager:

Dear Members,

We are gearing up for the warm months and we are encouraging everyone to check out their irrigation lines to make sure they have not become damaged in the off season. Being proactive like this can help reduce high bills due to irrigation leaks in the summertime.

We are also working diligently in getting our lead service line inventory completed in accordance with new EPA regulations and guidelines. Please be on the lookout for survey mailers about customer side service lines in the very near future.

Thank you,
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