FRUITLAND MUTUAL WATER COMPAY

FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.fruitlandwater.com

We updated our website for a better user experience.

Check our website for updates and latest information.

ADUs: If you are planning to add an ADU to your property be sure and contact the office for information regarding adding units to your property.



Fruitland Water is getting a new look: The old sign was in rough shape, we contracted with SignDog in Puyallup. They're working on fabrication and will install the sign by the end of 2026.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FRUITLAND MUTUAL WATER COMPANY:

Each year, Fruitland Mutual Water Co. members elect several Board of Directors from a slate of candidates. The nominees may be new or existing Board Members seeking re-election. If you would like to serve on the board of Fruitland Mutual Water Co., or have a candidate to nominate, please send the candidate's name to our office. We have one vacancy on the board currently.

Eligible candidates must be members of Fruitland Mutual Water Co. in good standing to qualify for consideration. Prior to submitting a nomination, it is required for the candidate's permission to be granted, along with the signature of two additional Fruitland members for validation. Please include a brief biography and qualifications of the nominee. For the preparation of the ballot, please submit your nominations as early as possible. Proposals for bylaw changes can be received for review by the Board of Directors. Proposed changes must be accompanied by signatures of at least two members. All nominations and proposals must be received at the company office no later than 4:30pm on January 18, 2027.

REMEMBER TO WINTERIZE:

Here are the essential steps to protect your plumbing system from freezing temperatures:

- **Insulate exposed pipes** in unheated areas like crawl spaces, attics, and garages.
- **Let faucets drip a little** during extreme cold to keep water moving and prevent freezing.
- **Disconnect hoses** from outdoor spigots and store them away for the season.
- **Maintain your home's temperature** at a steady level, ideally around 55°F or higher.

*** Up to date contact information is of utmost importance, please be sure to notify us if you have a change in information. Did your payment method expire recently? Call us to update. ***

NEW ADDITION TO FRUITLAND WATER:

- Bradley Heights apartments 200 block of 27th AVE SE







A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER:

Dear Members,

PFAS: Per - and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large, complex group of synthetic chemicals that have been used in consumer products around the world since about the 1950s. The company has been sampling for these chemicals as required at the federal and state levels, for the last few years. The two rounds of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule the company recorded out of the five wells tested one reached the 4.0 parts per trillion level in one round, that the State of Washington has settled on as the maximum level. Since the company has done four additional rounds required by Washington State Department of Health and none have reached the 4 parts per trillion level. Using the data from sampling, the State Department of Health has added a single round of PFAS sampling annually on three of the five wells to be sure levels are not rising to the 4.0 parts per trillion level.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established that all galvanized services need replacing within the next 10 years, with some exemptions of the system has 39 or more per 1000 to replace, then an exemption can be granted for more time. Fruitland Water has not used “leaded goose necks” in the past, that was more common from 1900 to the 1920’s, Fruitland Water started in 1946. The company has identified 774 galvanized lines that will be scheduled for replacement. This summer the crew replaced 30 galvanized services along with 3000’ of water main this summer on 80th AVE. In 2026 with efforts from the crew and contracting work out, the company expects to get about 150 done. The use of galvanized service line ended in the mid-70s to 80s using more PVC or Poly type piping. The middle photo shows one type of service pipe used currently. If your home was built prior to it might be a good idea to verify it, if you have concerns. The galvanized pipe itself does not have lead, but it is in the zinc coating around the outside. So, as the pipe deteriorates, and leaks begin there is some opportunity for contact with the zinc coating. The company staff and Board of Directors has made this one of its highest priorities and intend to beat the 10-year deadline. Look for updates in future newsletters and on the website.

The staff and Board of Directors would like to thank the members and customers of Fruitland Water for their efforts in water conservation. It has been a rough couple of years with a below average snowpack, and the company appreciates your efforts in water conservation.

Ted Hardiman, General Manager