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Town of Darrington Utilities Annual Drinking Water Report 2018



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What's On Tap?

Flowing deep below the ground runs an aquifer that stems from Glacier Peak. This is where the Town of Darrington gets the clean, fresh water that we are known for. Our water is exceptional in taste and clarity and is not treated with chemicals. The Darrington Utilities Department must follow strict rules and standards that are regulated by the Department of Health to keep your water safe and clean. We test our wells on a monthly basis to ensure that the water you are receiving meets or exceeds those rules and standards. The quality of water that comes from the wells that hold our water is of utmost importance to the Town of Darrington Utilities staff and we strive to make certain our community has safe and clean water now, and for years to come.

The Town of Darrington is pleased to present to you this year's **Annual Water Quality Report** (see attached). This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. In addition to monitoring the quality of your water, the Town has been working to improve the overall water utility.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Raelynn Jones, Deputy Clerk, at (360) 436-1131. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

Helpful Links

COUNTY WEATHER ALERT INFORMATION:

www.snohomishcountywa.gov/AlertCenter

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

425-388-5060
snohomishcountywa.gov/617/About-DEM

WASTE MANAGEMENT

1-800-592-9995
www.wmnorthwest.com/weatherboard.html

Questions? Contact us!
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Skate Park Grand Opening and Alumni–Pioneer Walk

Construction at the new state-of-the-art skate park at Old School Park is complete! The grand opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 14th. Follow the Town of Darrington Facebook page or contact Town Hall for event information.

Are you interested in purchasing a brick for the Alumni-Pioneer walk? The cost is \$50/brick and you can stop by Town Hall to get an application and be a part of Darrington history!



Water Meter Tips and Information

Do you need the water service suspended temporarily at your home or business? Contact us at Town Hall and we will assist you with that! Please do not attempt to shut off the water at the meter on your own. All of the water meters within town limits are Town-owned property and must be maintained by our utilities staff only.

Please remember to keep your water meter readily accessible. Do not park any vehicles or plant bushes that will eventually grow over it. Do not install landscape bricks, rocks, or retaining walls that block meter staff from easy access. Accessibility not only enables the meter to be read by our employees, but also enables access for the utilities staff to shut off your water in the event of a leak or emergency — a key factor in limiting the damages and costs associated with a water leak. We also suggest you find your shut-off valve for your house or business or install your own if you do not have one. These valves are usually located just inside or outside the foundation where the water enters the house.

Cross Connection Program

We have been working with a cross connection specialist to help our community stay compliant on cross connection systems on commercial and certain residential homes. It is important that cross connection does not occur to our water systems within our neighborhoods and businesses. Do you have a pool or hot tub? If the pool or hot tub was filled up with a hose be sure to remove the hose as soon as it is finished filling up. Leaving a hose in the pool or hot tub can potentially cause a back-flow problem and can be costly to the homeowner. Please feel free to contact Town Hall if you have any questions regarding cross connection and backflow systems for your home or business.



BURN BAN INFORMATION

There are many ways to check the burn ban status and receive automatic updates through the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

GET THE APP: "Burn Ban 411" mobile app is now available for Android and Apple devices

SOCIAL MEDIA: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency posts burn ban announcements to Facebook and Twitter accounts

TEXT ALERTS: Darrington Only text "DARRINGTON" to 313131

CALL: Find out burn ban information by calling 1-800-595-4341

INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION



Did you know?

Use the following household tips in the bathroom, kitchen, and laundry room to help protect the environment and save your family money!

- Check toilets for leaks. Use food coloring or a leak detection tablet in the toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak that requires immediate attention.
- Keep a bottle or pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator. This eliminates letting the tap run while waiting for the water to get cold.
- Use the proper water level, load size selection, and water temperature when washing clothes. Consider installing a water efficient washing machine.



Leak Repair

Many leaks (dripping faucets or showerheads) are caused by worn washers which are easy to fix. Your local hardware, plumbing supply or home improvement store will have the correct parts and complete do-it-yourself instructions. If replacing the washer does not work or the problem is more complicated, contact a certified plumber for assistance.

TIP: Locate the master water supply valve and label it. The master supply valve can then be easily turned off in case of a leak or broken pipe. Do not use the water meter for this purpose.



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What's going on around Town

The Town of Darrington Public Works Department has been busy! The Town secured grant funding from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the projects listed below. Our main goal is to continue to upgrade our water services, water mains, and hydrants to provide our citizens with an improved overall water utility.

All of the following projects received or will receive the installation of new 8" water main with all new services and hydrants. (The new services include new meters and radios for reading the water usage)

Completed Water Projects

- Givens Ave – from Darrington Street to Fir Street
- Montague Ave – From Seeman Street North to Price Street

Upcoming Water Projects – Fall 2018

- S. Emens Ave – from Fir Street North to Alvord Street
- Alvord St - from Givens to Mountain Loop
- Fullerton Ave – from Cascade Street to Alvord Street
- Fullerton Ave – West on Riddle Street to Stillaguamish Ave



Utility Invoice Update

Have you seen the new utility billing invoice? We listened to your comments and suggestions and changed the way you view and receive your utility invoice. The old bills were on small inconvenient post cards that routinely got lost in the mail or stuck in between the seats of the car. Our new full-page invoices boast detailed meter information, a water consumption graph, and a breakdown of charges that are easier to read and will come to you in a regular envelope. There is a section for credit/debit card information for customers to fill out and submit for payment. Please note: credit/debit fees will apply. Please contact Town Hall for questions at 360-436-1131

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The Town of Darrington routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows what we are required to monitor and the current levels. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- *Non-Detects (ND)* - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- *Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- *Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter* - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- *Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)* - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Please contact Darrington Town Hall if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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