



INFORMATION UPDATE FOR WHOLESAL CUSTOMERS

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**Seattle
Water Supply
Indicators**

Water Storage	
Reservoir Inflows	
Snowpack	NA
Customer Use	
Overall	
Good Fair Poor For more information on Water Supply: http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Water_System/Water_Supply/index.asp	

(<1%). The average water temperature in the distribution system in September was 18.3 degrees Celsius, with a range of 13 to 22.3 °C. This is normal for this time of year.

Taste and Odor

The taste and odor panel is meeting weekly (beginning in May). Samples are rated on a scale from 1 to 9, with 1 representing the best and 9 representing the worst. The taste and odor flavor rating assessment (FRA) for the latest Cedar supply (Lake Youngs treated) sample was 2.3. The Tolt supply result was 1.0.



**Water Quality
Technical Forum
Report**

Chlorine Residual and Coliform Data

There were no positive coliform samples from the purveyor service areas during September 2012 (two in Seattle). All systems remain in compliance. Average chlorine residual concentrations in the purveyor distribution systems ranged from 0.64 to 1.26 mg/L, with an overall average of 0.91 mg/L. The chlorine residual target for the Tolt Treatment Facility is 1.5 mg/L, while the Cedar target is 1.7 mg/L. The number of samples with chlorine less than 0.2 mg/L was 21 in September (out of 855 samples). Four of the low chlorine samples were from purveyor areas

Lead and Copper Compliance

The Cedar wholesale customers completed their lead and copper sampling for the year, and all samples were below the action levels for both lead and copper. The Cedar sub-regional group will sample again in 2015. Seattle direct service area will sample next year, and Tolt sub-regional group will sample in 2014.

Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products Rule

All third quarter 2012 Stage 2 DBP samples have been collected and analyzed. All samples were below the TTHM and HAA5 MCLs. All systems remain in compliance.

Lake Youngs Status

The Lake Youngs algal biovolume is very low. The total coliform counts were low in Lake Youngs in September. The average Lake Youngs raw water total coliform count for September was 26 cfu/100mL, with a range of 5 to 185 cfu/100mL. The historical average for September is 1125 cfu/100mL.

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Conservation Technical Forum

On the web at <http://www.savingwater.org>

Draft 2013-2018 Actions and Strategies Document Available for Review

Thanks to the hard work of the Conservation Technical Forum Working Groups on Communications, Youth and Community Education, and Landscape, and SPU staff, the draft Actions and Strategies document is available for review and comment. The draft document has been sent to Conservation Technical Forum (CTF) members and will be discussed at the quarterly CTF meeting October 9. Comments are requested by October 19. Please send comments to Rich Gustav, Mialee Jose, or Debbie Rannfeldt. We look forward to discussing the draft 2013-18 Actions and Strategies with you!

As a reminder, with the 1% Program complete, and a new goal for 2013-2018 established by the Operating Board, attendees at the January Conservation Technical Forum (CTF) meeting expressed interest in forming working groups to

provide input to the new 2013-2018 program. The group requested that working groups be formed in three areas: Residential Landscape; Youth and Community Education; and Communication. The working groups met in April, May, June, and July, and drafted strategies and actions for the three areas. Those strategies and strategies for rebate programs comprise the draft document.

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RESIDENTIAL INDOOR Residential Toilet Rebates

The Multifamily Toilet Rebate Program has replaced 607 toilets as of October 1. This number is lower than what staff projected, but some larger



projects are in the pipeline now. Staff is beginning planning for 2013, in particular considering conducting an event during “Fix a Leak Week” in March, 2013. Program Manager Billie Fisher is participating on a panel with several others at the Trends Multifamily Trade Show in December, 2012,

to talk about multifamily properties and the work utilities have done to implement conservation programs.

Single Family Toilet Rebates are still streaming in at a steady pace, on target for projection. 971 rebates have been processed year to date. Outreach has taken place in the SPU billing newsletter, “At Your Service”, as well as through some of the large box stores providing copies of rebate applications to customers upon purchase of new fixtures.

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RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE Meetings Set for November to Plan for 2013 Savvy Gardener Classes

The 2012 Savvy Gardener classes will be over by the end of October and planning for next year will start right away. Members of the Conservation Technical Forum as well as Cascade Water Alliance members have been invited to a debriefing scheduled on November 7th (1-3pm at CWA offices) to discuss results, gather new ideas and plan for 2013. During the following week (November 14), SWP and CWA staff will meet with this year's presenters to gain their perspectives and suggestions for improvements.

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Training for Landscape Professionals Taking Place November 13-16

For the second year running, SWP staff is coordinating SPU's fall Green Gardening integrated pest management (IPM) workshop, funded by the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP), with SWP irrigation training. This year four days of workshops are being offered, from November 13 through November 16, at South Seattle Community College. The first day's theme is ***Landscapes at the Cutting Edge: Soil/Water/Plant Relationships***, covering a variety of topics and presenters, and is funded by the Green Gardening IPM program. The following days offer technical irrigation workshops and are funded by the SWP irrigation program. The full brochure contains detailed information, at [Green Gardening Workshops](#).

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Water Efficient Irrigation Program and Rebates (WEIPR)

The residential rebate program has processed 33 rebates this year. The commercial program has processed four rebates and completed seven on-site assessments. In addition, 40 applications for free rain sensors have been completed.



In 2013, major budget reductions to the irrigation program will reduce or eliminate rebates for single-family residential customers. Large commercial and multifamily customers will continue to receive comprehensive conservation services. Planning for the specific program changes will begin shortly, and once completed, participating landscape and irrigation contractors will be notified of the changes.

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COMMERCIAL WATER CONSERVATION Small Business Outreach Continues in Southeast Part of Service Area

Since August, Resource Venture (the SWP contractor for outreach to commercial customers) contacted approximately 40 small foodservice businesses in Renton, the newest SWP member. Outreach will continue in other business clusters in the southeast part of the Saving Water Partnership service area that have not recently participated in SWP programs. The goal is to identify basic water conservation opportunities in foodservice businesses, with a focus on promoting rebate programs for changing out bathroom fixtures,

aerators, and kitchen equipment. Aerators will be installed for free and applications for the other measures will be provided. If any of the Southeast SWP utilities – Coal Creek Utility District, Water District 90, Soos Creek Water & Sewer District, and Cedar River Water & Sewer District - have a suggestion for where and what businesses to visit, please contact Phil.

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