



INFORMATION UPDATE FOR WHOLESAL CUSTOMERS

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**Seattle
Water Supply
Indicators**

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| Water Storage | |
| Reservoir Inflows | |
| Snowpack | |
| Customer Use | |
| Overall | |
| Good Fair Poor For more information on Water Supply: http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Water_System/Water_Supply/SPU01_001850.asp | |

the distribution system in February was 7.5 degrees Celsius, with a range of 4.3 to 10.5 °C. This is about normal.

Taste and Odor

The taste and odor panel is meeting bi-weekly. 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 1.8 with a slight chlorine and plastic taste. The Tolt supply result was 1.5.



Lake Youngs Status

The Lake Youngs algal biovolume is showing an increasing trend, with the dominant species being Tabellaria. The total coliform counts were still normal in Lake Youngs in February. The average Lake Youngs raw water total coliform count for February was 1 cfu/100mL, with a range of 0 to 5 cfu/100mL.

Consumer Confidence Report Data

Data for use in this year's consumer confidence reports was e-mailed to purveyors on February 7. Please let us know if you have any questions about the data, or would like to request a paper copy.



**Water Quality
Technical Forum
Report**

Chlorine Residual and Coliform Data

There were no positive coliform samples from the purveyor service area during February 2011. All systems remain in compliance. Average chlorine residual concentrations in the purveyor distribution systems ranged from 0.66 to 1.23 mg/L, with an overall average of 0.89 mg/L. The chlorine residual targets for the Tolt and Cedar Treatment Facilities are both 1.5 mg/L. The number of samples with chlorine less than 0.2 mg/L was 18 in February (out of 810 samples). Nine of the low chlorine samples were from purveyor areas. The average water temperature in

Lead and Copper Sampling

In summer 2011, Bellevue and Tolt purveyors (without additional supplies) will be collecting another round of lead and copper samples from representative homes (those used last time). Samples must be collected between June and September 2011. With so few samples required (50 for Bellevue and 50 for the Tolt group), a schedule is not necessary. The lab can accept the samples any time during the monitoring period. Sample allocation for each of the Tolt purveyors will be determined soon (based on most recent population numbers.)

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Conservation Technical Forum

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

RESIDENTIAL INDOOR

Slow Start for Single and Multifamily Toilet Rebate Programs This Year

Rebate applications for both programs have slowed down compared to last year. There are noticeably fewer multifamily participants this year than there were at the same time last year. A new rebate form for the single family \$30 rebate program has been designed and is on our web site, www.savingwater.org. Discussions and planning around how to market the single family program in the second quarter of 2011 are in the works.

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Saving Water Partnership Participation in WashWise Program

The consultant who administers the WashWise program, PECL, is working on informing retailers and the public about the end of the Saving Water Partnership

participation in the WashWise Rebate Program as of March 31, 2011. Many of the energy partners, including Seattle City Light and Puget Sound Energy, will continue to provide rebates for efficient washers. (Although keep in mind that PSE will not accept rebates for gas customers – see last month's LEAK Update.) Further publicity will be forthcoming as the end of the month approaches.

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Fix A Leak Week March 14-21 – Packets in the Mail

The Environmental Protection Agency-sponsored Fix A Leak Week program takes place March 14th – 21st. This annual program seeks to raise awareness about the importance of finding and



fixing leaks around customers' properties. The Fix A Leak Week program fits well with SWP's overall

leak awareness campaign. Staff is putting together packets for each SWP member. These packets will contain a counter top display that will remind customers to find and fix common household leaks. It will also have dye strips for customers to use to test their toilets, and ask customers to go to www.savingwater.org and view the how to find and fix leaks videos. Staff is working on a brochure that will reach those customers without internet access. If you have customers with leak issues please have them visit the web site for more information.

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RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE Nursery Classes Planned

Planning for spring is well underway! Nursery classes have been planned at our four partner



nurseries, Swansons, Sky, Molbak's and Furney's. Classes will be held in April or May (details coming). We have arranged two classes on drip irrigation at Seattle Tilth in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood. In addition, we are underwriting a class in Woodinville and two classes at the 2011 Spring Garden Fair in Bothell. There will be a good variety of learning opportunities around the service area!

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Savvy Gardener Facebook Page to Launch First Day of Spring

The savvy gardener hopes to reach more customers with a new Facebook page! SPU Communications liaison Jason Argo will be working with RC staff to update our page on a regular basis. Our launch is planned for around the first day of spring, and we will keep you posted..

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