



TOWN HALL NEWS

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SUMMER WATER RATES IN PLACE

Coupeville, like other utility systems in the State, is required to encourage conservation of water use. To accomplish this, the water rates are increased in the summer to discourage an increase in water use for landscaping purposes. Water rates increase June-September from \$.0275 per cubic foot to \$.0412. Water rates are calculated to generate sufficient revenue to operate the system. If rates were at the same level all year, the winter rate would have to be increased to ensure the same amount of revenue is generated in a year.

Our highest demand for water use is on hot summer days. We are required to build and maintain a system as if the peak day of water use happened 365 days a year. So, when you conserve water, you also help to keep rates down. If you must water outdoors, there are a few things you can do to maximize benefit to the plants and to minimize use of water:

- Water in the evening or during early morning hours when evaporation is least likely to occur. Drip irrigation may be used during the day with minimal loss due to evaporation and helps deliver water directly to the plant.
- Consider water consumption when selecting plants. Some plants use more water than others. Consult a good gardening book to determine low water-using and drought tolerant plants. WSU Master Gardeners are a great resource for such information and are often at the Farmer's Market and other public events.
- Use mulches to help planting beds retain moisture.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Each year the Town prepares an Annual Water Quality Report. This report conforms to a federal regulation requiring water utilities to provide water quality information to customers each year.

Your drinking water is highly regulated by Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We test for bacteria, asbestos, lead and copper and inorganic compounds. None of the tests reveal any risk to public health.

The report will be posted on the Town's website on July 1, at www.townofcoupeville.org. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact William LaRue, Utility Superintendent, 360-914-0314 or utilites1@townofcoupeville.org

NET NEWS

The Coupeville Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) will be conducting a disaster response drill in several neighborhoods on June 9th. This drill is in concert with FEMA's four-day, five state exercise you may have heard referred to as Cascadia Rising. NET volunteers will be participating in the practice exercise. You may see them in their vests walking around town during the day. You may also see brightly colored cards in the right-of-way describing various emergency situations. These cards are part of the drill and do not indicate a real emergency. Coupeville is lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers, willing to help with emergency preparedness education and response.

How can you participate in this month's national emergency preparedness emphasis? Make it your goal in June to develop a family communication plan so you can find one another in case of an emergency. Agree that your family will contact a particular friend or family member who lives more than 100 miles away should local communication outages prevent reaching each other in the immediate area.

SUMMER FUN!

- **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!** If you missed the parade you can watch it on Channel 10. If you were in the parade, here's your chance to see yourself!
- **COUPEVILLE FARMERS MARKET!** Buy locally, reduce packaging, invest in fresh, healthy food, enjoy hand-made crafts, see friends and neighbors, support farmers. Every Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm.
- **LIONS GARAGE SALE!** A Coupeville tradition of 37 years. Preview on June 24th from 1 - 6 pm. Sale on June 25 from 9 - 4 pm and June 26 from 9 - 1 pm. Coupeville Elementary School.
- **FIREWORKS!** The Town of Coupeville allows the discharge of WA State approved fireworks on July 4th only, between the hours of 9 am and 11 pm.
- **LAVENDER WIND FARM FESTIVAL!** Art, music, beer and wine, demonstrations...and lavender. July 30-31 from 10 to 5 pm each day.