



Our Mission

It is the goal of Silverdale Water District to provide the highest quality water at the lowest reasonable price, assuring reliability of source, storage and distribution. The district is constantly planning for present and future preservation of its most precious resource, through prudent financial and personnel management and long term regional planning.

Commissioner's Corner

"Well".

"Well what?"

Well, the water from Silverdale Water District is from guess what... from a well. A well can have many definitions that may include a large hole in the ground, a small hole in the ground, a natural spring, an ink well, or it can describe your health just to name a few definitions.

But, for the purpose of this discussion we are going to describe a "well" as a structure that allows us to remove water from the Central Kitsap ground. It is common that I am asked, "How do I know that I'm getting my money's worth when I pay my water bill?" Good question, and I can answer as follows, the value that you get from purchasing water from Silverdale Water District can be summarized as:

Bottled water purchased from a local Silverdale convenience store is:

- \$1.50 per one pint of bottled water
- \$3.00 per quart of bottled water
- \$12.00 per gallon of bottled water

Average Silverdale Water District residence uses 7,000 gallons/month= \$84,000 per month if we used bottled water for our water needs.

Water purchased from Silverdale Water District is:

- \$.00000005 per one pint bottle of Silverdale water
 - \$.000001 per quart of Silverdale water
 - \$.004 (less than one penny) per gallon of Silverdale water
- Average Silverdale Water District residence uses 7,000 gallons/month=\$26.50.

Since your water was ranked #2 in the United States for taste, maybe we should consider bottling our resource and placing it on the open market based on the potential profit margin.

Or based on today's cost of bottled water, it would take more than 13 years, of drinking one bottle per day, to equal a monthly service charge. This my fellow Silverdainers is a good value for your money.

Commissioner John Poppe



Calendar of Events

December 3rd

9:00 – 1:00: Commissioner Meeting, including farewell luncheon for Dave Cook

December 24th

District office will close at 12:00pm

December 25th

District office will be closed

December 31st

District office will close at 12:00pm

January 1st

New Years Day – District office will be closed

January 7th

Commissioner Meeting – General Business

January 18th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
District office will be closed

Contact Information



Phone: 360-447-3500
Fax: 360-447-3590
Web: www.swd16.org
For After Hours Emergencies: Dial 911

Mailing Address

5300 NW Newberry Hill Road, Suite #100
Silverdale, WA 98383



Insulate Those Pipes

Winter weather is here. Wind and rain are not too much of a threat to our household plumbing, but freezing temperatures are. Broken water pipes can be expensive to fix, waste a lot of water, and do significant property damage. Insulating both your cold and warm water pipes is highly recommended. This is especially true for anywhere your plumbing is exposed to outside temperatures, but even exposed pipes in a garage are at risk. Insulating the warm water pipes has a second benefit, you will save energy by keeping the water warm on the way through the pipes to your faucet. Pipe insulation is inexpensive and easy to do. Normally 33¢ per foot will cover the costs. Any local hardware store will carry insulation and most can show you how to apply it.

Water Usage Trends

Water usage trends are valuable figures for water managers and engineers. These are studied and used for developing water demand forecasts and validating conservation measures for a given water system or watershed basin. Different agencies and individuals supply data for forecasting. One study, that reliably provides such data, is the "Every 5 Years Report on Water Usage in the United States" published by the USGS. The most recent version of this report was just released with 2005 data. This report incorporates data at a national, state, and county level. The USGS study covers water use for all types of end uses including: Public Supply, Domestic, Irrigation, Livestock, Aquaculture, Industrial, Mining, and Thermoelectric Power.

Most interesting, are the usage patterns for domestic supply. The study provides an average per capita domestic water use for each state and the nation as a whole. For example, the state with the highest per capita water use is Nevada with the average citizen using 190 gallons per day. The state with the lowest per capita is Maine, coming in at just 54 gallons per day. The national average is currently at 98 gallons per day. Washington comes in just higher than that at 103 gallons per day. In Kitsap County the average person uses 115 gallons per day.

It is interesting to see how your household's daily water consumption compares to the average. You can calculate your per day water usage by using the below formula:

Average Daily Usage per Person = Usage (in CF) x 7.48 (gal/CF) / 60 / P

Usage = water used in 1 billing cycle, P = number of people in your home

You can easily reduce your daily water consumption by turning off the water when you brush your teeth, run only full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine, and fix leaks promptly. For More information about how you can conserve water, please feel free to call us at (360) 447-3500. If you would like to review the study published by the USGS please go to <http://water.usgs.gov/watuse/>.

→ Act of Kindness

Thank you Commissioner Dave Cook for your 24 years of service.

There are many people who participate in community projects, or donate financially to better their community, but very few can claim an entire second career of serving their community the way Commissioner Dave Cook has served the greater Silverdale area. Commissioner Cook was elected to the Silverdale Water District's Board of Commissioners in 1984 serving his first term. He was then re-elected in 1992 and continued to serve 3 consecutive 6 year terms. In total, Commissioner Cook has served the district for almost a quarter century. When Commissioner Cook is asked why he has devoted the latter half of his career to the district, he simply responds "Community service is what you do when you're retired."

While in office, Commissioner Cook has strongly supported water conservation. His planning and foresight were ahead of the times. Commissioner Cook's suggestions and guidance came well before the Water Use Efficiency Law and many of the struggles that exist over water rights today. Commissioner Cook has mentioned that the interaction with the community is one of his favorite aspects of being a commissioner. In addition he often gives credit to the staff of the Water District for making his job fun and not a chore.

Commissioner Cook's engineering background brought him to the Silverdale area in 1959 after taking a position at Naval Base Kitsap, Keyport. Other places of work included the Naval Academy at the Naval Ordnance Lab in Washington, D.C. and at Bonneville Power Administration in Spokane. Before embarking on his long career in federal civil service, Commissioner Cook also taught high school Physics and Chemistry with his degree from San Jose State University in Physics. Commissioner Cook was born and raised in San Francisco.

Thank you, Dave. Your dedication and service have been invaluable to both the Silverdale Water District and our community.

