



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

I am in my 24th and final year as a Commissioner for Silverdale Water District and have been a customer of the District for 50 years.

As I remember the early years, our water was supplied by Woods and Eldorado Creek which flow off of Newberry Hill.

Although much of the area around the creeks have been developed, large parcels of land owned by the District still protect the original watershed, its old growth forest, and animals. The District is committed to continuing the protection of its historical water source.

We now utilize, maintain, and monitor 14 ground water wells located throughout the District's service area.

It has been exciting witnessing the population growth in the Ridgetop area and the commercial growth in the area of the Mall.

A wonderful core of dedicated personnel have been responsible for the upgrades to the water system, keeping up with the increase and population. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the team and witness this growth first hand.

Serving Silverdale,
Dave Cook



Calendar of Events

October 1st

Silverdale Water District
General Business Meeting

November 5th

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United Way Auction

For the past 8 years Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue and Silverdale Water District have held and participated in a silent auction and spaghetti feed benefitting United Way of Kitsap. All auction items and ingredients are donated by employees of each organization or local businesses.

United Way helps to feed, educate, or clothe almost 1/3 of Kitsap County residents. Just a few of the organizations that united way partners with are Kitsap Community Resources, Red Cross, YMCA, Kitsap Mental Health, Boy's and Girl's club and many more. The benefit raises more than \$2,000 per year. It is our goal each year to raise more money than the year previous.

If you would like more information about United Way please go to <http://www.unitedwaykitsap.org/> or to donate an auction item, please contact Karen Lunden at (360) 447-3550.

Irrigation Winterization

Fall is an important time for preparing your home for the coming cold season. This includes insulating your pipes and winterizing your irrigation system. Irrigation systems are the last thing on our mind during the cold winter months, but this is the time of year that the systems are often damaged.

Winterizing your irrigation system is easy. All you need to do is remove the standing water from your irrigation pipes and parts. Here are the basic steps.

1. Turn off the water to the irrigation system at main valve.
2. Set the automatic irrigation controller to the "rain" setting.
3. Turn on each of the valves to release pressure in the pipes.
4. Drain all of the water out of any irrigation components that might freeze.

It is helpful to know some particulars about your irrigation system, including pipe material, drain locations, and control valves. This will help you choose the most appropriate winterization method.

For more information about the manual, automatic and "blow out" method please go to <http://www.irrigationtutorials.com/winter.htm>. Also make sure to remove the water from you backflow assembly, freezing water can damage the internal parts, or crack the brass body.

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For After Hours Emergencies: Dial 911

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Are You Prepared For a Disaster?

Are you prepared? Although disasters can happen anytime of year winter weather in the Pacific Northwest can cause extended power outages and floods. It is best to be prepared. This is a good time of year to prepare or review your emergency plan. Listed below are a few essentials all households should keep packed and ready to go 'just in case'.

- Food for three to seven days – store non-perishable, easy to prepare items.
- Water for three to seven days – you should plan on 1 gallon per day per person and 1 quart per day per dog or cat.
- Warm clothes and bedding.
- An out of state contact – often local phone numbers will not work, but calling out of state is a good way to get messages to other family members.
- Where to meet – designate a place your family can meet in case your home is not accessible or is unsafe.
- First Aid Kit.

It is also a good idea to coordinate with neighbors. Be aware of those who might need a hand, for example the elderly or people with small children.

If your stored water becomes contaminated, or additional supplies is necessary, the instructions below will teach you how to properly treat questionable water supplies for emergency purposes. It is a good idea to keep these instructions with your emergency kit.

- 1. Examine the physical condition of the water.** When emergency disinfection is necessary, disinfectants are less effective in cloudy, murky or colored water. Filter murky or colored water through clean cloths or allow it to settle. It is better to both settle **and** filter. After filtering draw off the clean and clear water for disinfection. Water prepared for disinfection should be stored only in clean, tightly covered, containers, not subject to corrosion.
- 2. Boil water for 1 minute at a rolling boil.** Boiling water will kill most disease-causing organisms that may be present. To improve the flat taste of boiled water, aerate it by pouring it back and forth from one container to another and allow it to stand for a few hours, or add a pinch of salt for each quart or liter of water boiled.
- 3. If you can not boil water you can disinfect it using household bleach.** Bleach will kill some but not all types of disease-causing organisms. Add 1/8 teaspoon (or 8 drops) of regular, unscented, liquid household bleach for each gallon of water, stir well and let it stand for 30 minutes before use. The water should have a slight chlorine odor. If not, repeat the dosage and allow the water to stand for an additional 15 minutes. If the treated water has too strong a chlorine taste, allow the water to stand exposed to the air for a few hours or pour it from one clean container to another several times.

For more information please see US EPA (<http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/faq/emerg.html>) and Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management (<http://www.kitsapdem.org>) or contact Silverdale Water District at 360-447-3500.



→ A Bit of History

Morgan Johnson, General Manager for the Silverdale Water District was hired July 24, 1984. Morgan recently celebrated his 25th anniversary of working for the district. Please join the staff in saying thank you to Morgan for all of his hard work.