



NEWSLETTER

November 2021

Office hours: 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Monday through Friday

Other times by appointment

Phone (503) 368-7309 Fax: (503) 368-6900

Email: nwdmanager@nehalem.tel.net

WATER EMERGENCY CONTACT PROCEDURE

If you have a water pressure problem/emergency call the office number (503) 368-7309 and if no one answers, be sure to leave a message as the line might be in use when you call and will kick you over to messaging. If you don't reach anyone at the office, then call (503) 718-8691 and if no answer, also leave a message. You can also come to the office, 9155 Nehalem Rd. during regular hours, or by appointment.

WATER CONSERVATION: We want to thank the community for curtailing water use during our draught this past Summer. We did see a small decline in water use after the placement of our outdoor sandwich-board signs, when our usage was at an all-time-high and the Springs where at an all-time low. As our population continues to grow in Neahkahnie, we need to be 'water wise' all year around. Please see the website <https://www.regionalh2o.org/water-conservation> for good information on water conservation tips.

It's time to winterize your home now to avoid future water loss by locating your emergency water shut-off valve, disconnecting, and draining outdoor hoses, sprinkler systems, and backflow devices. Please check on your system and monitor your water bills to assure you aren't wasting our precious resource.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION: This is mostly about pesticide use and meant to be informative for incoming new home or landowners and a reminder to the rest. For decades the Neahkahnie Community has had an understanding with the Tillamook County Roads Department not to spray roadsides in Neahkahnie. That is why you will see the County mowing roadsides here. We have a similar agreement with ODOT regarding Hwy 101 but under this agreement the District has to manage the vegetation where we don't want spray applied.

We have been learning much more about the sensitivity and vulnerability of our springs to human activities on the land. In 2018 Pirates Spring tests showed a trace amount (under 4 parts per trillion) of Atrazine. This, in a community that strongly discourages use of pesticides and with no industrial agriculture nearby, was very surprising.

So, we ask once again, please be mindful of our water sources and use alternative methods to herbicides.

Thank you!

CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE YOU DIG: Even for things as seemingly minor as putting in a mailbox or installing a realty sign, call before you dig. Plan your project 3 or more days in advance to allow for all utilities to be located before starting any excavation project. Utility companies only locate within the public right of way (ROW). They will not locate and mark utilities on private property.