

Stay Hydrated This May

Water professionals ensure safe drinking water reaches millions of homes and businesses. Celebrate their dedication during **Drinking Water Week, May 5-11.**



Each year, the American Water Works Association and its members promote Drinking Water Week as a unique opportunity for water professionals and the communities they serve to recognize the vital role of water in our daily lives. This year's theme, "There When You Need It," underscores different aspects of the reliability of our drinking water.






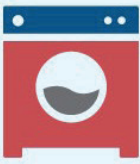
This year's celebration also coincides with a historic milestone. It is the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act, a landmark piece of U.S. legislation designed to safeguard the public by setting high drinking water quality standards.

Klickitat PUD reminds the public of the importance of water conservation during Drinking Water Week. Avoid waste through conservation practices to protect our precious source of water.

"Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium. There is no life without water."

—ALBERT SZENT-GYORGYI

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	COLD	&	HOT			
Efficient	16.7 gphd	117 gphd	27.4 gphd	23.6 gphd	0.8 gphd	11.0 gphd
						
	Toilets	Irrigation System	Faucets	Showerheads	Dishwasher	Clothes Washer
Typical	33.9 gphd	138 gphd	29.0 gphd	29.5 gphd	1.6 gphd	24.3 gphd

Figures assume an average household size of 2.61 occupants

4 Spots to Save Water

With these simple tips, you can start in saving water in your home and outside.

- **Fix a leak.** Small household leaks can add up to multiple gallons of water loss every day. Remember to check your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems yearly.

- **Bathroom.** Turn off the tap while doing daily activities such as brushing your teeth. Take more showers than baths, and keep an eye out for leaky toilets.
- **Kitchen.** Next time you hand-wash a load of dishes, think about plugging the sink or using a wash basin. If possible, use a dishwasher and make sure it is fully loaded.

- **Laundry room.** When washing your clothes, running a full load of laundry and using the appropriate washer settings can help you save water in the long run. An extra tip to save energy and money is to wash your clothes in cold water, rather than in warm or hot.

For more water conservation tips, check out www.epa.gov/watersense/start-saving.



Good Work, Team!

It is important to regularly consider—not just during water conservation week—those who work diligently to ensure our water is of high quality and there when we need it.

These hard-working individuals are the face of the Water Wastewater Department and work diligently to provide safe, reliable drinking water to the nine rural water systems owned and operated by KPUD. The operators work in the field completing testing, treatment and repairs for these systems.

Our Water Wastewater team is run by W/WW Superintendent Brandon Walter and W/WW Coordinator Sharon Blodgett. They work together with W/WW Support Assistant Ocean Barrett on scheduling projects and field investigations, DOH reporting and new service inquiries. Their job duties do not stop there, and they do

much more to help keep the department together.

KPUD W/WW operators include Rod Kiser, Noah Halm, Michael Krause, Zain Gasparovich and Lead Operator Greg Watson. This group of dedicated individuals work hard to maintain the water systems to provide customers with safe and reliable drinking water.

Russ Patton, along with our new hire Vicente Fuentes, are KPUD's project engineers. Russ has worked at the utility since 2005 and passes along his wisdom. The project engineers work behind the scenes and often go unrecognized for the many contributions to our water systems. Their job includes planning projects for KPUD's water wastewater system repairs and improvements. ■

KPUD Water Wastewater staff are, from left, Vicente Fuentes, Sharon Blodgett, Mike Krause, Zain Gasparovich, Noah Halm, Greg Watson, Brandon Walter, Ocean Barrett, Russ Patton and Rod Kiser. ADOBE STOCK BACKGROUND PHOTO BY NAOKI KIM