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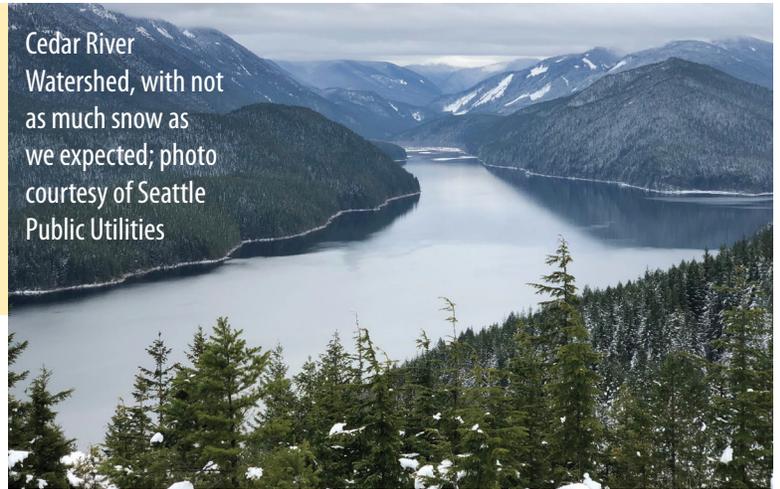
Spring/Summer 2019

# The WaterLine Newsletter

Water-Related News and Information from Highline Water District

## 3 Important Updates:

- ✓ *Testing Your Toilet for a Leak*
- ✓ *Will We Have a Water Shortage?*
- ✓ *Coupon for Classes at CRWEC*



Cedar River Watershed, with not as much snow as we expected; photo courtesy of Seattle Public Utilities

## Do You Have a Secret Leak?

*Your toilet may be leaking, and you may never notice. Testing it for a leak is simple... repairing the leak is easy and will help reduce your water bill. Here's how to test it:*

1. Carefully remove the toilet tank lid with an old towel (condensation under the lid may drip as you are removing the lid).
2. Drop a dye tablet (available here at our office) or several drops of food dye into the tank. Do NOT flush. Wait 15 minutes. If you have more than one toilet to test, repeat Steps 1 through 3 for each toilet while you wait.
3. Check the water in the toilet bowl for dye color. If you see any color, there is a leak which can usually be quickly repaired by replacing the toilet's flapper valve. Make sure the new flapper matches your make and model of toilet.



## Will We Have a Water Shortage This Summer?

*Seattle Public Utilities staff works closely with a number of other agencies to track and monitor the snow and precipitation levels throughout our region, along with the levels in both our water reservoirs. As of spring 2019, the water supply outlook for the Seattle Regional Water System is fair to good, due to a late arrival of snow in February.*

Predicting the water supply is as difficult as predicting the weather. Water supply in our region is all interconnected, which makes managing it a delicate balancing act. In an average precipitation year, the two reservoirs have just enough water storage for one water cycle year.

SPU updates the water supply conditions each week and compares the current information with historical averages graphically. The precipitation in both watersheds is about the same this year as the 60 year average.

SPU will continue to monitor water levels closely, and coordinate with a number of different agencies to make sure they are storing an appropriate amount of water, releasing enough for fisheries and recreation, and ensuring appropriate water levels in Lake Washington and the Ballard Locks.



## Learning About Your Water

*This summer, you and your family can enjoy an affordable, guided adventure to experience your watershed at the source!*

Located 35 miles east of Seattle on Rattlesnake Lake, the Cedar River Watershed Education Center offers a unique way to experience our water cycle. Affordable tours and classes—such as the Family Watershed Tour, the Railroad History Treasure Tour, or the Junior Naturalist Class—can be reserved on SPU's website with this coupon!

[www.seattle.gov/util/crwecc/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/crwecc/)

### Center and Exhibit Hours:

April – October:  
Tuesday – Sunday | 10AM to 5PM

November – March:  
Tuesday – Sunday | 10AM to 4PM

Closed Mondays and City Holidays

### More Information:

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CEDAR RIVER  
WATERSHED  
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CENTER

### WATERSHED TOURS

The Cedar River Watershed Education Center is only 35 miles east of Seattle, at beautiful Rattlesnake Lake. The Center is open year-round, Tuesday-Sunday from 10am to 5pm. Visiting the Center is free.

Guided tours of the Watershed are available July-September.  
(\$10 adults; \$5 youth & seniors ages 55 and older.)

**\$5 OFF**  
EACH TICKET

CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED EDUCATION TOUR  
Register and redeem at: [seattle.gov/util/crwecc](http://seattle.gov/util/crwecc) Click on "Programs and Tours"  
PROMO CODE: WATER Valid July-September 2019.

## Attn: AutoPay Customers

If you are currently signed up for auto bill pay and you're using a credit/debit card, please take a moment to log in to your account and check the expiration date of your card. If it has expired, your payment will not go through, and your account will be subject to late fees (and possible disconnection if the delay goes on long enough).

**Avoid the headache and make sure your account is updated!**

# 9 Ways to Save Water

1.

*Limit plant watering to twice a week; apply water directly by hand or drip irrigation where possible.*

2.

*Water early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.*

3.

*Save pressure washing jobs until Fall rains return.*

4.

*Take shorter showers: every minute = 2.5 gallons!*

5.

*Fix leaky faucets, hose bibs, sprinkler heads, and toilet gaskets (stop by for a free Toilet Dye Strip Test... leaky toilets are the #1 cause of higher residential water bills).*

6.

*Wash cars less; choose locations that recycle water.*

7.

*Wash large loads of laundry and full dishwashers.*

8.

*Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks, driveways and patios.*

9.

*Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.*

**The WaterLine Newsletter is brought to you by Highline Water District and its Board of Commissioners:**

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