

THE WATER LINE

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The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released its Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, which includes the Lead Service Line Inventory requirement. This initial rule requires public water systems, including Nob Hill Water Association, to inventory all water service lines and the materials they are made of all the way from the main to the meter (Association side) and meter to the building (customer side). This mandate aims to help safeguard public health by ensuring that water systems across the United States develop and maintain comprehensive inventories of service line materials. The EPA requires the inventory to be complete by October 16, 2024.

Historically, water purveyors have not been responsible for the customer's service line. This project is unique in that we need to identify the materials used from the meter to the building as well.

We take water quality seriously and we have been working diligently to meet the EPA's requirements. Our work includes creating an inventory of the Association and customer-side water lines and the materials they are made of. We have finished our service line inventory, and the good news is that we did not find any lead service lines. Additionally, Nob Hill Water has been testing for lead in the water for over 30 years, and no sample has tested above the action level.



Look inside for our annual water quality report & water conservation tips!



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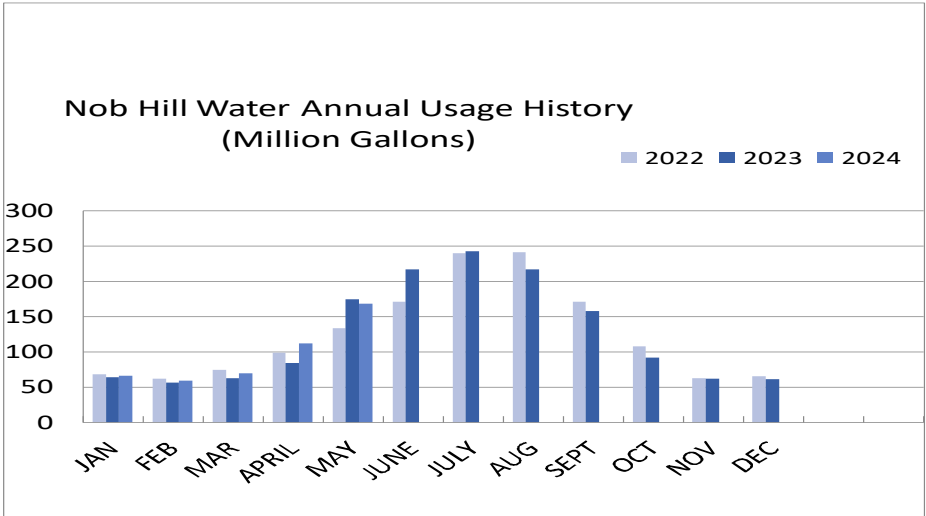
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No PFAS Chemicals Detected in Nob Hill Water

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as forever chemicals, have been a concern in drinking water in some areas of Yakima County. Nob Hill Water collected water samples from all well sources in August and October 2023 and tested for 29 different PFAS chemicals. There were **NO DETECTIONS** in any of our sources. The samples were tested according to the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The testing also satisfied the newly established monitoring requirements from Washington State Department of Health (DOH). Nob Hill Water will continue to monitor all sources to be sure that our water remains free of PFAS chemicals.



When you are mindful about water usage, you use less of it.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS & TRICKS

1. Repurpose Water

When you change the water in your fish tank, reuse it to water your plants. This also acts as a natural fertilizer.

2. Go Low and Slow the Flow

Using a low-flow showerhead could save 12,000 gallons per year and 12% on your energy bill.

3. No Cup Left Behind

Before you dump your old glass of water down the sink, look for a thirsty plant to make happy.

4. Accessorize Your Faucet

Installing a low-flow aerator is one of the most cost-effective ways to save water. You'll increase the efficiency by 30% and improve performance.

5. Chill Out

Place a pitcher of water in the fridge instead of letting the tap run until it's cold. While you're at it, thaw frozen foods in the fridge instead of using running water.

6. Lighten Your Load

Installing a high-efficiency machine will use 50% less water. Washing only full loads of laundry makes the most of the washing cycle.

7. Ditch the lawn

Mixing drought-tolerant plants into your landscaping is a great way to conserve water

Why should I replace my lawn with drought-tolerant landscape?

Removing part or all of your lawn and replacing with mulch, rocks, pavers, and/or drought-resistant plants helps reduce water use and time spent caring for your lawn every week. On average, most drought-tolerant plants only need a 30-minute watering session every 7-10 days after established. Check out our small list of drought-tolerant plants below to help you get ideas for your next landscape adventure and be the talk of the neighborhood!

Drought-Tolerant Plants

1. Lavandula Intermedia 'Grosso English Lavender'

Size: 3 tall and wide
Conditions: Full sun; well-drained soil



2. Mahonia x media 'Winter Sun'

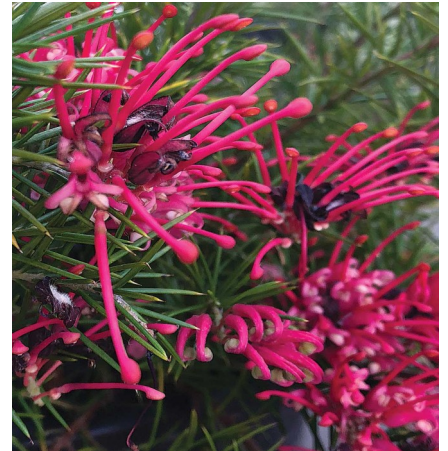
Size: 6-10' tall and 4-6' wide
Conditions: Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil



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3. Grevillea 'Canberra Gem'

Size: 6-10' tall and 6-8' wide
Conditions: Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil



4. Cistus Ladanifer Var. Petiolatus 'Bennett's White'

Size: 4-5' tall and 4' wide
Conditions: Full sun; well-drained soil



Don't Forget to Check Your Sprinklers!



Don't set it and forget it! After turning on your lawn's sprinkler system, take a moment to double-check the settings on your sprinkler controller. Sprinkler systems can use a lot of water, and ensuring you only water when you want to will help prevent any surprises in your water bill.