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SUMMER WATER RATES IN PLACE

Coupeville, like other utility systems in the State, is required to encourage conservation of water use. To accomplish this, the water rates are increased in the summer, to discourage too much of an increase in water use for landscaping purposes. (Water rates are calculated to generate sufficient revenue to operate the system. If rates were at the same level all year, the winter rate would have to be increased to ensure the same amount of revenue is generated in a year.)

Our highest demand for water use is on hot summer days. We are required to build and maintain a system as if the peak day of water use happened 365 days a year. So, when you conserve water, you also help to keep rates down.

WATER EFFICIENCY OUTDOORS

Most Coupeville residents enjoy green grass during the spring and fall months when rain keeps it watered, and allow their grass to go dry during the summer.

If you water plants, there are a few things you can do to maximize benefit to the plants and minimize use of water:

- Water in the evening or during early morning hours when evaporation is least likely to occur. Drip irrigation maybe used during the day with minimal loss due to evaporation, and helps deliver water directly to the plant.
- Consider water consumption when selecting plants. Some plants use more water than others. Consult a good gardening book to determine low water-using and drought tolerant plants. WSU Master Gardeners are a great resource for such information, and are often at the Farmer's Market and other public events.
- Use mulches to help planting beds retain moisture.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

We still have a few plots available in the Community Garden. The 10' x 12' plots include access to water. If you are interested, please contact Town Hall.



WATER EFFICIENCY INDOORS

The Town offers free faucet aerators for bathrooms and kitchens, shower flow restrictors and toilet leak detection kits to all of our water customers. Stop by town hall and ask for them.

Typical bathroom faucet aerators are 2.2 gallon per minute (GPM), so replacing them with a .5 GPM aerator can reduce your water usage at that source by 77%. Typical kitchen aerators are 2.2 GPM so replacing them with a 1.5 GPM aerator can reduce your water usage at the sink by 32%. Shower flow restrictors can reduce flow by 40%.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ON CHANNEL 10

If you are a Comcast subscriber, you can view a broadcast of the Town Council meetings. The video recording is currently programmed to run Tuesday-Thursday at 7 pm and Saturday at 3 pm.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to receive agendas and minutes for Town Meetings, please send your e-mail address to Judy Thomas, Clerk-Treasurer, clerktreasurer@townofcoupeville.org. It is a great way to know the issues to be discussed and actions taken by the Town Council, Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission.