

VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WET GAZETTE

2026 SUMMER EDITION

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2025 Water Quality Reports

Valley Water District produces an annual Water Quality Report that provides an overview of your water sources and quality. To save money and resources, the report will no longer be mailed automatically to each customer. You may access the report for each system directly at:

Alderwood:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000309.pdf
Buttes:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000310.pdf
Chinook:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000311.pdf
Country/El Dorado:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000312.pdf
Puyallup Highlands:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000313.pdf
Sierra:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000314.pdf
Valley:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000315.pdf
View Royal:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000316.pdf
Winchester:	www.valleywaterdistrict.com/forms/000317.pdf

The reports are also available on the District website (click on the Forms button & then Water Quality tab) If you are unable to access the report online or would like to receive a copy by mail, please call the District office at 253-841-9698 or email service@valleywaterdistrict.com to request one.

District news and updates...

Lead Service Line Inventory update: The District will continue to follow EPA guidelines and will continue to update the Inventory internally as information is received. The Initial Inventory is available for each system on the District website at www.valleywaterdistrict.com (select the Service Line Inventory button).

Annual BACKFLOW Testing Program has begun for 2026: Customers with backflow devices are required to have their device tested each year by July 1st. The District has a testing program that allows customers to “Opt In” and have the District coordinate with a contractor to perform the test at a significantly reduced rate of \$30 per device (most testers charge \$40-\$90 per device). If you are already opted in...no need to worry about future testing since every year between May and September the District will automatically have the contractor perform the testing for each property that has opted in. If you are interested in “opting in” please contact the District.

Board of Commissioners

Robert Fulton * Christine Johnson * Ted Hardiman

Meetings are held at 2:00pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Ratepayers are encouraged to attend the open and public board meetings. See details on our website. (www.valleywaterdistrict.com)

Water System Projects & Upgrades

Capital Improvement Projects...

One of the primary responsibilities of a Public Water System is to plan for and fund Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). CIP's are projects that are identified by the District as required repairs and replacement of aging infrastructure, or addition of facilities to increase the safety and reliability of the Public Water System. A portion of the bi-monthly customer water billings and Connection Charges for new customers are used to fund Capital Improvement Projects.

Due to the age and condition of many of the systems the District has taken over, there are many projects identified in the Water System Plan for repair, replacement and addition of infrastructure. The District has been very active over the last few years and continues to implement CIP's to improve reliability and service to our customers. Here are some of the projects that have been completed or are under construction at this time.

your money at work on system improvements!



Meter Replacement Project:

Due to the age of approximately half of the water meters throughout the District Systems, the District has started a 3 year program to replace all of the existing manual read meters with current radio read technology. When completed, all customer meters will be radio read which will significantly increase the efficiency and accuracy of meter reading and billing. In addition, the upgrade to all radio read meters will eliminate the need to buy costly replacement meter reading equipment.



Mitchell Well

Chinook System:

- **Mitchell Well:** Completed replacement of the well pump and motor at the Mitchell Well site in early 2026. The existing equipment has been in place for more than 20 years and was due for replacement.
- **Reservoir Liner and Lid:** The District is in the process of replacing the Chinook Reservoir tank liner and lid in order to extend the life of the tank. This project should be completed by the end of summer 2026.

Winchester System:

- **Reservoir Liner and Lid:** The District is in the process of replacing the Winchester Reservoir tank liner and lid in order to extend the life of the tank. This project should be completed by the end of summer 2026.

Water System Projects & Upgrades (continued)

Valley System:

- **McAlder Well:** Completed replacement of pump and motor.
- **SR162 & 128th Roundabout Project (WSDOT Project):**
Valley Water District was able to work with WSDOT and the Tehaleh developer to fund the entire cost of utility relocation and perform all necessary work. The contractor began work on this project in August 2025 and has subsequently completed the installation of the new piping and appurtenances. Additional restoration effort is necessary, however, and won't be complete until the new roundabout is nearer to finalization. An additional benefit to this project is that the District was able to upsize the new piping (due to current standards) which resulted in expanded fire flow protection to the southernmost portion of the Valley System while also improving water pressure to those customers. The project is expected to continue throughout much of 2026.
- **Pioneer Logistics:** This project is a Developer Extension to construct a new warehouse facility on Pioneer Way E. A portion of the project required replacement and upsizing of water main along Pioneer between 13505 & 14053 Pioneer Way E (approx. 1500ft). This project was completed in summer of 2025 and is awaiting final acceptance by the District.



SR162 & 128th St Roundabout

View Royal System:

- **224th Ave Main Relocation:** This project is an addition to the “Peak 410 Warehouse” Developer Extension. As part of the developer extension, the developer will install new piping to connect a portion of 100th St E to SR410 along 224th Ave and abandon a portion of unused pipe along SR410. This project is funded and constructed by the developer.
- **PLC Upgrade:** The District has completed the replacement of the PLC (programmable logic controller) at the View Royal pump station. This is the main computer that controls and monitors all functions of the well and booster facility. Originally installed in 2010, this unit had become obsolete and was due for modernization.

Work in Progress

Drought Declaration by WA and Summer Watering Schedule Recommendation:

The WA State Dept. of Ecology declared a statewide drought on April 8th, projecting that the state's water supply will fall short this summer due to the "dismal snowpack" which currently sits at about 50% across the state. Although the District does not expect the District's water supply to be hugely affected, since it is from an aquifer, it is still important to be mindful of the supply shortage in the area and to make every effort to conserve water.

During the summer months, when water consumption increases, the water supply is often at its lowest. Long periods of high demand, such as during a summer drought, can endanger the supply of water. Well performance and system reliability also decline when a water source is stressed by prolonged and excessive usage.

The District recommends that customers voluntarily follow an **Odd/Even Summer Watering Schedule** as an effective conservation tool. An **odd/even schedule** simply means if your house address ends in an odd number, you use water outdoors on odd calendar dates, and if your house number is even, you plan your outdoor watering for even numbered dates. A **mandatory odd/even schedule** would be the first method put into effect if adequate water supply becomes threatened by high demand.

Putting water conservation strategies to work all year long is necessary prevention to protect your water system from reaching the point of water shortage. Visit [Water Conservation - Washington State Department of Ecology](#) for more info.

To save water, start with irrigating less! Only water your landscape when it needs it. Many people are overwatering their lawns, which increases weeds, reduces drought tolerance and, of course, wastes water.

2025 Annual Water Use Efficiency Performance Report

In 2003, the Washington State Legislature passed the Municipal Water Law (House Bill 1338), to address the increasing demand on our state's water resources. The law established that all municipal water suppliers must use water more efficiently in exchange for water right certainty and flexibility to help meet future needs. The Legislature directed the Department of Health to adopt an enforceable Water Use Efficiency program which became effective on January 22, 2007.

The WUE program requires water systems to manage water loss and pay attention to their usage patterns by reporting annually to the State Health Department, system customers, and the public.

- The District has several programs in effect to promote conservation.
- The District's water commodity rate is tiered so that the more water that is used the greater the cost.
- The voluntary *Odd/Even Outdoor Watering Schedule* is promoted in the summer months. Compliance reduces the strain on water system supply.
- *FREE* water conservation devices and water-saving documents are available at the District office.
- All of the District's water service connections are metered.

The summary results for the 2025 reporting period for each of the District's water systems are presented in the table below. The District adopted new WUE Goals in 2025 to reduce DSL to less than ten percent in all systems over the next twenty years and to reduce residential consumption by two percent over the next six years. The District's progress on the adopted goals is reported to the Department of Health annually. If you have any questions about the Water Use Efficiency law, or would like additional information on each system's progress towards the goals, please contact Sean Vance, District Manager at 253-841-9698 or email sean@valleywaterdistrict.com.

System Name	12-month WUE Reporting Period	Total Water Produced & Purchased (TP) – Annual Volume	Authorized Consumption (AC) – Annual Volume	Distribution System Leakage – Annual Volume TP - AC	Distribution System Leakage – % DSL = [(TP - AC) / TP] x 100 %
Alderwood	1/2/25 - 1/7/26	24,943,486 gallons	19,455,044 gallons	5,488,442 gallons	22.00 %
Buttes	1/5/25 - 1/7/26	36,757,500 gallons	35,461,681 gallons	1,295,819 gallons	3.53 %
Chinook	2/7/25 - 2/4/26	12,899,200 gallons	11,922,454 gallons	976,746 gallons	7.57 %
Country/Eldorado	2/7/25 - 2/4/26	33,491,000 gallons	26,326,406 gallons	7,164,594 gallons	21.39 %
Sierra	2/5/25 - 2/4/26	11,110,882 gallons	10,952,676 gallons	158,206 gallons	1.42 %
Valley	1/7/25 - 1/7/26	90,324,827 gallons	85,562,026 gallons	4,762,801 gallons	5.27 %
View Royal	2/6/25 - 2/3/26	72,754,245 gallons	64,597,856 gallons	8,156,389 gallons	11.21 %
Winchester	2/5/25 - 2/3/26	2,723,009 gallons	2,376,396 gallons	346,613 gallons	12.73 %