BOARD BYLINE — Kevin Williams, Board President: Be Prepared This Winter

Slipping and sliding on snow and ice may be a hazard, but materials we use to reduce those risks can also be harmful to our streams and water supply. Be prepared for the weather this year. Stock a bucket of sand and gravel to spread on slip zones at home. If you must use sand/gravel or de-icer, don't forget to sweep it up and dispose in the trash after the freeze. This prevents sediment from washing into our streams.

De-icing Tips for Home
Plan ahead for safety and success to protect yourself, your pets, and our water

- Assemble a bucket of sand and gravel and a shovel
- *Avoid using table or rock salt – Use sand and sparingly mix de-icing products containing magnesium, potassium, or calcium*
- Consider traction cleats for your shoes
- *Apply sand and gravel for traction*
- Use a pan of water to rinse shoes and paws
- *Sweep up all products after the storm and dispose in the trash*

OLWSD partners with you to protect water quality. For more information about winter water preparation, including weatherizing and winter water conservation tips, visit oaklodgewaterservices.org, or call us at (503) 654-7765.

You are invited to attend:

VIRTUAL OLWSD BOARD MEETINGS!

Learn how to call or login at:

oaklodgewaterservices.org

Or email: info@olwsd.org

* JANUARY 19 at 6 p.m.

* FEBRUARY 16 at 6 p.m.

Get Help Paying Your Bill During COVID-19

You may be eligible. Currently, OLWSD provides three options for customer financial assistance: 1) Time Payment Agreement (TPA); 2) Low-income Utility Rate Relief Program (LIURR); 3) Emergency Customer Assistance Program (ECAP).

Call (503) 654-7765 or email billing@olwsd.org to learn if you qualify for one of these programs.

Follow Us on Social Media

Stay connected with the OLWSD on Facebook. We are committed to engaging and interacting with the community. Stay informed with what's happening around the District by following our account. You will find the latest news, learn about project updates, and more.

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Stormwater Needs Your Help

Stormwater from Oak Lodge ends up in the Willamette River. Water from seasonal storms washes pollution into catch basins, ditches, and local creeks. These creeks connect directly to the river.

- Runoff from Oak Lodge includes pollutants from roadways, driveways, cars and yards.
- Pollution includes leaves, oil, tire particles, brake pads, and pet waste.

Because runoff does not flow to the wastewater treatment facility — we are the treatment that stormwater needs. The best thing you can do to help our waterways is to keep pollutants out of the water, and allow water to soak into the ground for filtering. This means:

1. Raking and composting leaves
2. Picking up pet waste and putting it into trash cans
3. Checking your car for oil leaks and fixing them
4. Washing your car in a car wash/keeping wash water out of the storm drains
5. Containing landscaping dirt/erosion
6. Properly disposing of construction waste

Your actions support Oregon's goals to support water quality and reduce stormwater pollution.

INDOOR WINTER WATER CONSERVATION IDEAS:

BATHROOM
- Turn off the water while you brush teeth or wash your hands.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes.

KITCHEN
- Run your dishwasher only when it is full.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run—use a wash basin in the sink and then rinse.
- Put fruit and vegetable scraps into your compost and not down the drain.

LAUNDRY ROOM
- When doing laundry, lower the water level to the size of the load of clothes.

Clackamas River Water Providers

Working together to protect and conserve our drinking water.

2021 Water Conservation Calendars Available from Clackamas River Water Providers! CRWP's annual coloring contest with local elementary schools has the theme, *Healthy River, Happy Fish, Happy People.* The contest encourages students to create pictures depicting what they know about their water and what they can do to conserve and protect it. This year there were over 600 entries! **If you would like a calendar please email christine@clackamasproviders.org and she will mail you one.**