DID YOU KNOW?

Hop on the Skagit Farm to Pint Ale Trail
Did you know that beer is 90-95% water? You need great water to make great tasting beer. Join us and be “hoppy” on the Skagit Farm to Pint Ale Trail. Collect passport stamps, and win prizes! Skagit PUD is helping sponsor this fun event. Grab your passport at one of 14 Skagit Valley breweries, Skagit PUD, Northwest Brewers Supply, participating hotels, or at the Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, La Conner, Mount Vernon, or Sedro-Woolley visitor information centers.

Collect all the stamps and score a souvenir pint glass at the centrally-located Burlington Visitors Information Center. Skagit Valley College’s Cardinal Craft Brewing Academy is a bonus stamp due to limited hours. A special prize will be awarded if your passport is completed with the Cardinal Craft stamp!

For more events and happenings, visit skagitfarmtopint.com.

Did You Know

that easy-to-fix water leaks account for more than one trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes? In fact, the average household leaks more than 10,000 gallons of water per year, or the amount of water it takes to wash 270 loads of laundry, and could be costing you an extra 10 percent on your water bills.

In just 10 minutes, you can search your home for leaks and crack down on water waste. Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads all are easily correctable and can save on your utility bill expenses and water in our community.

So put on your detective hat, lace up your running shoes, and take this 10-minute challenge to detect and chase down leaks!

Checklist for Chasing Down Leaks

Here are some of the places leaks may be hiding in your home.

Some leaks require a simple fix—a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray. But you may want to consult a licensed plumber to stop your running toilet, broken sprinklers, water heater drips, or malfunctioning water supply lines. Take a quick inventory of clues to water waste:

IN THE BATHROOM

☐ Toilets: Listen for running water. Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of your toilet and let it sit for 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

☐ Faucets: Listen for drips and turn on the tap to check for water going the wrong direction.

☐ Showerheads: Turn on and look for drips or stray sprays that can be stopped with tape.

☐ In the tub: Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower and see if there's still a lot of water coming from the tub; that could mean the tub spout diverter needs replacing.

☐ Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

IN THE KITCHEN

☐ Faucet: Listen for drips and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary.

☐ Sprayer: Check to make sure water is spraying smoothly and clean openings as needed.

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IN THE KITCHEN

☐ **Under the sink:** Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

☐ **Appliances:** Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers, which could indicate a supply line leak.

IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM OR UTILITY ROOM

☐ **Under the sink:** Check for pooling water under pipe connections.

☐ **Clothes washer:** Check for pooling water, which could indicate a supply line leak.

IN THE BASEMENT, UTILITY ROOM OR GARAGE

☐ **Water heater:** Check beneath the tank for pooling water, rust, or other signs of leakage.

DON’T FORGET TO GO OUTSIDE

☐ **At the spigot:** Ensure tight connections with the hose and see if the hose washer needs replacing.

☐ **In-ground irrigation system:** Check for broken sprinklers or nozzles spraying in the wrong direction.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

Check for signs of moisture or mold on your walls, ceilings, or floors. This could indicate that a pipe is wreaking havoc behind the scenes and requires the attention of a professional.

If any of your fixtures needs replacing, remember to look for the WaterSense label when purchasing plumbing products. WaterSense labeled products are independently certified to use at least 20% less water and perform as well or better than standard models.

**Want to learn more?**

To make it easy to try a water and energy-saving showerhead, Skagit PUD offers water efficiency kits that contain a WaterSense multi-mode massage showerhead and ultra-efficient faucet aerators for just $11. The kits can be purchased at our main office. Visit [SkagitPUD.org](http://SkagitPUD.org) for more information about WaterSense labeled products.

New Fill Station Opens in Sedro-Woolley

Skagit PUD has launched a new bulk water fill station at 24972 Minkler Road in Sedro-Woolley, which allows for 24-hour daily access to bulk water for our customers. The bulk water fill stations are sites where commercial business, agricultural operations and the general public can purchase large volumes of water at easily accessible locations.

Customers can fill smaller tanks up to and including large commercial tanker trucks. The easy access terminal provides security and ease of use.

Skagit PUD also operates two bulk water fill stations in Conway and Bow Hill. The new Sedro-Woolley site provides better service to our east county customers.

The fill station was funded in part by a Water Resources Drought Response Grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology. An increasing number of customers have had to truck water to their homes because of drought conditions in recent years. The water stations provide a convenient alternative to filling water tanks from fire hydrants.

Prior to using a bulk water fill station for the first time, customers must set up an account for access purposes and submit to a water fill tank inspection. Water is purchased using a pre-paid card. Customers will be required to complete and submit a Bulk Water Fill Station Water Use Permit.

Get Your Rain Barrels Now for Summer

Collecting rainwater is an easy way to conserve water—and save money on your water bill. During the drier season, when water consumption often doubles, using collected rainwater can reduce the strain on the PUD’s water supply and keep more water available for fish and wildlife. Rainwater is also naturally “soft” and free of minerals and chemicals, making it ideal for plants and lawns.

Skagit PUD sells ready to install 55-gallon rain barrels for just $60 plus tax. If you would like more information about Skagit PUD’s low-cost rain barrel program, please visit our website at [SkagitPUD.org](http://SkagitPUD.org) or call (360) 424-7104.