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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leaf Pickup



The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual leaf and beach cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday November 15, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at dusk.** The City of Liberty Lake is co-sponsoring this annual program. Leaf, beach, and yard waste will be picked up in front of residences within the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District boundaries which include residents in the City of Liberty Lake South of I-90 and residents South of Sprague Avenue. The purpose of the cleanup is to protect the lake, aquifer and river from nutrient loading from stormwater that may transport decaying vegetation. Yard waste can be beneficial when composted but can be a nutrient source when mixed with stormwater that discharges to waterbodies.

The procedure will be the same as in past years; all material must be bagged or contained for easy loading by the crews. Pick up crews will not have time to rake. Please limit materials to leaves, yard/garden vegetation, weeds, algae, pine needles, grass clippings and the like. **No rocks! No Stumps! No roots! No trees! No sod! No pumpkins! No Shrubs!** Store waste material close to the street for ease of loading. Keep bags as light as possible. Assistance with loading is always appreciated. If you receive water or sewer service from the District, you are eligible for the pick-up.

Your support is needed to make this project a success. The schedule could be altered due to inclement weather and amount of material. **Note: Bagged, contained, and/or piled aquatic weeds on beaches or docks will be picked up during the week of November 18th.** For more information please contact the District offices at 922-5443, extension 221. Volunteer workers are always welcome. Meet at the Water Reclamation Facility at 8am. Thanks for your support.



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## NEED HELP? CONTACT US

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(509) 922-5443  
After hours emergency please call:  
(509) 623-7920

## Keep the Wipes out of our Pipes

Did you know that “flushable” does NOT mean “Flushable”?

The toilets in our homes are designed to accept water, human waste, toilet paper, AND NOTHING ELSE! There are many new disposable wipes that claim to be “flushable” and “sewer safe.” However, these wipes do not break down as they travel through pipes and into the sewer system. Wipes can create clogs in both household plumbing and the public sewer system and result in sewer backups. Backups are expensive to clean up, and increases the maintenance costs for the public sewer system.

Disposable wipes, even those labeled “flushable” should be disposed of in the trash, not flushed down the toilet.

A general guideline is, if it doesn't dissolve as fast as toilet paper, it's not flushable.

This includes wipes such as:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Swiffer mop refills
- Toss-in toilet bowl wands
- Shop towels/rags
- Towelettes
- Baby wipes
- Paper towels



<http://swuci.org/notices/wipes-clog-pipes/>

### FAST FACTS

Do your part and keep these wipes out of the pipes! Clogged pipes, pumps and pump stations cost the District thousands of dollars a year in maintenance and repairs.

## Fall Reservoir Maintenance

Every fall during the irrigation system blowout period, the district lightly chlorinates the reservoirs to disinfect the system as a preventive measure. In addition, mains are flushed to eliminate stagnant water in dead-end lines.

## Water Use Efficiency

Every six years, the District is required by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to publically establish water saving goals for you, our customer. These goals are set to achieve efficiencies on the supply side, as well as for the customer. Currently, we use a slew of different programs to provide our diverse customer base with information and tools they can use to reduce the amount of water used on a daily basis. Some of these free programs include: irrigation system control sensors, low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads, find-a-leak kits and consultations, and consumption history graphs on your billing statements. This winter (Date TBD), we will be holding a public forum to discuss changes to our current WUE plan.

After the public forum, we will consider all of the input we receive and set our goals to meet the requirements set forth by DOH. Please stay tuned for more specifics as we move forward with this effort. In the meantime, if you have any questions or ideas on where the District should go, please contact Jeremy Jenkins - Water Resource Manager, at 922-5443, or [jjenkins@libertylake.org](mailto:jjenkins@libertylake.org).

Using water efficiently helps water systems protect against:

- Temporary water service interruptions during peak usage.
- Long-term or repeated water disruptions due to limited water supply.
- Contamination of the water supply due to leaky pipes.

## AgriMet Station coming to Liberty Lake

AgriMet, a conjunction of the words "agricultural" and "meteorology", is a satellite-based network of automated agricultural weather stations operated and maintained by the Bureau of Reclamation. The stations are located in irrigated agricultural areas throughout the Pacific Northwest and are dedicated to regional crop water use modeling, irrigation, agricultural research, frost monitoring, and integrated pest and fertility management (<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/>). In Liberty Lake, using AgriMet crop water use data you can adjust your irrigation scheduling, thereby applying water to landscapes more efficiently.



## Emergency Notifications

How will you be notified if there's an emergency in your neighborhood?

### Twitter

A new service from Twitter allows government agencies and non-governmental organizations to send emergency messages directly to users' phones during natural disasters or times of crisis.

Users that sign up for the service called Twitter Alerts will receive "critical information" via a text message or push notification when an organization marks a tweet as an "alert," according to the Twitter Alerts website.

Users can customize which organizations they receive alerts from through the service's setup menu.

The alert system comes on the heels of Twitter being used by government agencies and news organizations to communicate with the public during recent crises.

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### Water/Sewer Account Email and Contact Info

The account for water and sewer services provided in the District is listed in the name of the owner of the property.

Contact us at 922-5443 and provide your email and phone number. In the event of an emergency we can contact you.



### Alert Spokane

Through ALERT Spokane - a Spokane County emergency notification system!

ALERT Spokane has been in operation since 2010, and is used to inform citizens about emergencies in their area. The ALERT Spokane system can be activated by law enforcement, fire service, water districts, etc. Once activated, a recorded message is sent to landline telephones with information about the emergency and what actions to take. For example, if there's a wild fire in your area, you might be told to evacuate, or you might receive boil order from your drinking water provider.

It's important to note that the recorded message will be sent to landline telephones in the affected area. If you have discontinued your landline telephone service and are relying on a cell phone or VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phone, you will not receive an emergency message from ALERT Spokane - unless you register your cell phone in the system! Even if you still have a landline telephone, it's a good idea to register your cell phone with ALERT Spokane.

In the interest of public safety, the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District is urging the public to register their cell phones, VoIP phones, and email addresses with ALERT Spokane. It's easy to do. Just go to [www.alertspokane.org](http://www.alertspokane.org) and enter the information. You can also register more than one cell phone number and request email notification.

Be informed - stay safe - register with ALERT Spokane TODAY at [www.alertspokane.org](http://www.alertspokane.org)!



### Washington State Department of Health—Drinking Water Alerts Webpage

The Washington State Department of Health hosts a drinking water alerts webpage. A page for *Active Alerts* and a page for *Recent Alerts* - alerts issued within the last two weeks. In the event of a drinking water alert at Liberty Lake it would be posted here:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/Alerts>



### FAST FACTS

The LLSWD has an Emergency Response Plan and coordinates with the City of Liberty Lake and Spokane County on emergency response.

## Recycle Hazardous Wastes

Hazardous wastes should not be flushed down the toilet. The District's treatment plant is a biological process and may not remove some hazardous chemicals. Many chemicals found in hazardous products are toxic. When these products are thrown into the garbage, on the ground, or down storm drains they persist in our environment. This can pollute our air and water and pose a threat to human health and wildlife.

Because of the harm hazardous chemicals can cause when improperly disposed of, Spokane County has developed programs for the safe disposal of hazardous wastes. The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System provides clean and convenient, one-stop drops for **recyclables, household hazardous waste, yard waste, and trash.**

### VALLEY RECYCLING

Recycling Center / Transfer Station  
3941 N. Sullivan Road  
South of Trent across from the  
Spokane Industrial Park

### Spokane River Forum leading development of Interactive Waste Directory to help protect the river and aquifer

Thanks to a public participation grant from the Department of Ecology, the Spokane River Forum developed a "one-stop-shop" of information and resources for businesses and individuals disposing of hazardous and other types of waste.

The Spokane County Interactive Waste Directory website features a searchable database of over 200 waste types, 150 vendors, and 30 assistance providers. It also includes general education pages and regulatory information. It builds on the Forum's EnviroStars program, a collaborative effort of nine agencies working with small businesses to properly manage and dispose of hazardous waste.

The directory aims to provide businesses and residents with the tools to ensure wastes are properly managed and disposed of, rather than left to seep into our river, lake and aquifer (<http://spokaneriver.net/river-forum-leading-development-of-interactive-waste-directory-to-help-protect-the-river-and-aquifer/>).

Visit the Waste Directory at:

<http://spokaneriver.net/wastedirectory/>



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