

# Water *lines*

BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
SERVING THE GREATER BIRCH BAY AREA SINCE 1968

## District Inline for Low Interest Loan: \$1.7 million for Plant Upgrades

The Public Works Board has recommended the District receive funding from the State's Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) for wastewater treatment plant upgrades. The PWTF would loan the District \$1.7 million at a very low 0.5% interest rate for a treatment plant upgrade construction project to increase wastewater capacity. The District's share of the project would be \$300,000 for a \$2 million total project cost. The PWTF provides financial assistance to local governments to address critical infrastructure projects. The State's proposed 2011-13 Capital Budget State includes \$330.5 million for PWTF low interest loan projects. The proposed budget is still being negotiated between the Senate and House. Until both the Senate and House reach consensus on the budget, funding is tentative.

## District and City Win Excellence in Communications Award

Birch Bay Water and Sewer District and The City of Blaine won a Communications Excellence Award through the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Waterworks Associations (PNWS-AWWA). Our joint 2010 Summer Weekly Water Usage Advertisement was selected as the best example for a small utility marketing campaign. City and District staff created the advertisement



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# WATERING SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
ODD	No Watering	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN

Effective June 1st through September 15th, the District will again be implementing its voluntary watering schedule to help manage our water supply during the summer months. Residents with odd numbered street addresses may water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Residents with even numbered street addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Mondays are non-watering days to allow the District's reservoirs to recharge after the weekend. For more information visit [www.bbwsd.com](http://www.bbwsd.com) or contact the District at 360-371-7100.



# Three Myths about Lawn Care

## Myth #1—Lawns are always thirsty.

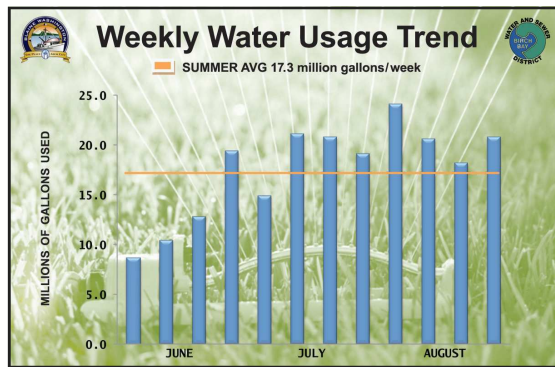
**FALSE**—Lawns only need one inch of water per week including rainfall to keep it green and healthy. Watering on a daily basis is not only wasteful, but is unhealthy for the grass. Overwatering can kill your grass and make it more susceptible to diseases.

## Myth #2—Lawns are meant to be closely cropped.

**FALSE**—Cut grass no shorter than 2 inches. This helps to reduce evaporative water loss and increase drought resistance. Cutting your grass too short places added stress on plants during the heat of the summer.

## Myth #3— Lawns need to be fertilized regularly to be green.

**FALSE**—Too much fertilizer may actually harm or even kill the grass by increasing the lawn's susceptibility to disease. Fertilizer promotes growth, but it also increases water consumption. Apply only the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.



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to show customers how much water is used during the summer on a weekly basis.

The City and District will receive a plaque to commemorate the achievement and the entry will also be featured on the Awards Display at the May PNWS-AWWA Conference in Boise, Idaho.



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## Discovery Days

**Mark your calendar:** This year Discovery Days is scheduled for July 16th and 17th. The District will once again be participating in the parade and will have a booth in the Arts and Crafts Fair, which will be located at the Sealinks Golf Course. District representatives will be on site to answer any questions you might have and offer information on District programs. We look forward to seeing you at this fun, local event!



## WATERING EXEMPTIONS

The Voluntary Watering Schedule does not apply to the following situations:

- Drip irrigation systems or handheld watering methods
- Limited capabilities with existing older irrigation controller or devices
- Watering of flower and vegetable gardens
- Watering newly planted lawns



## Water Wisely Watering Practices

**GOOD!** Water only on designated days and limit watering to one inch per week

**BETTER!** Water your lawn only when necessary and limit watering to one inch per week.

**BEST!** Let your lawn go dormant during the summer and rely on rainwater only. Dormancy is nature's mechanism for surviving heat and drought. Your lawn will recover with the return of rain and cooler temperatures.

