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You as the customers need to know the district has two wells that share the Wallace River aquifer; well #1 is slightly deeper than the other. We have been monitoring the levels of the wells; well #2 is effectively dry. This has historically happened occasionally in Sept or Oct. Due to the lack of snowpack, rain and high usage, this has happened in June. District usage in May was 1.1 million gallons, June was 2.2 million gallons and the projection for July, without conservation, is 2.7 million gallons.

### **Because of this the District is declaring an Emergency.**

We will be asking for voluntary conservation. There is a list of tips at the end of this letter. The Best way to cut down on your household's usage is to fix suspected leaks. The District has repeatedly sent notices of suspected leaks; these are from meter readings showing continuing water flow, without an hour of non-usage.

The District is exploring several options to provide some relief and/or emergency supply. So far the most viable options are an emergency tie-in to the city of Sultan/Everett or drilling a third well. Neither one of these options are a quick fix. There has to be an immediate reduction in usage to effect a change in our community's water supply. Effective on the next billing cycle, there will be a charge for over usage. The base will stay the same, \$70.00 for 7,500 gallons and \$.64 per 100 gallons over or any portion thereof.

Water is a precious commodity at this time in Washington – the wells are functioning at the level as if it is September. Your community needs your help to conserve and preserve our water supply.

Leaks can account for, on average 10,000 gallons of water wasted in the home every year.

- Check for leaking faucets – then repair. A leaking faucet that drips at one drop per second can waste 3,000 gallons per day.
- Check for and repair leaking toilets. A leaking/running toilet can potentially waste 200 gallons or more of water every day.
- Replace the shower head(s) in your home, and take a shorter shower.
- Don't run the water while you brush your teeth.
- Repair all water leaks inside and outside your home ( **contact the District if you have any questions**)
- Minimize watering you gardens to early morning or late evening when it is cool - helps in not wasting water through evaporation.
- Suggested garden watering schedule:
  - House number Odd - water on Odd calendar days
  - House number EVEN – water on EVEN calendar days
- Wait to wash laundry until you have a full load.
- Take your car to a car wash, don't wash it at home, sweep sidewalks, don't wash them