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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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WCWID Launches A Brand-New Website!

We are excited to announce the website for the White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") <https://wcid.org> has been completely reworked and improved for our resident's ease of use. It includes all the information our water community needs related to your water service. It provides helpful hints on wise water use. The benefits is easy access to fillable forms, which give our water users remote access to WCWID.

Please take time to call up the website on your computer or smart phone and browse through all of the windows and links. Staff will be updating website contents on a regular basis. Also, if you want to subscribe for additional news and alerts via email or text, you may do so via the website.

Do April Showers Bring May Flowers?

Did you know that the line "April Showers Bring May Flowers" is believed to date back to 1610? True, the past few months have not seen as much snow and rain as we would have hoped, However there is still plenty of water in the deep aquifer from which WCWID has its source.

May, despite what the media may say, will bring forth the buds of Spring, yards and gardens will start to "green up" and our neighborhoods will shake off the Winter gloom. In other words, as stated on our new website:

Now is the time to "spring" into outdoor action. April is the start of neighborhood lawncare competitions (stated or unstated). It is time to let the rainfall work in your favor. Aerating the soil and throwing grass seed to arranging the hanging baskets and replacing any old landscaping. The feel of Spring is in the air and is the perfect cure for our winter blues.

While not all of us have been blessed with a green-thumb, use these easy tips get started:

- ✓ Know your climate zone and pick the proper plants.
- ✓ A healthy and aerated soil can save you a lot of headaches.
- ✓ While mulch can spruce things up, it is quite functional!. Placing fresh mulch in flower beds can help retain water for the soil and plants.
- ✓ Group similar plants together for irrigation. (Let the water work for you!)
- ✓ Keep up the weeding!
- ✓ Raise your lawnmower height. (See more helpful tips at <https://wcid.org/>)



Use Water Wisely but Don't Fear Using Water Where Needed

Whenever someone hears that I work for a water system, they inevitably ask me if we are going to have enough water to get through the year. News reports and media are constantly reminding us that we live in a desert and are in the middle of a significant drought. All that is true. However, the availability of water depends on where you live and upon what water sources your water system uses to meet water demand. FORTUNATELY, WCWID has water rights in the underground aquifer which we pump using deep drilled wells. The aquifer level has remained steady and WCWID is confident in both the quantity and quality of the water that can be provided to the water users.

This Does Not Mean We Should Waste the Water, Nor Does It Mean You Have To Let Your Lawns And Yards Die. Instead Use Water Wisely!

In that regard, ensure your outdoor watering is both efficient and economic. According to the Utah Department of Natural Resources, a typical Utah household will, unfortunately, use twice as much water outside as necessary. Grass and other plants do not need as much water as we may think.

For example, as you turn on your sprinklers take time to check they are creating a uniform watering pattern. You can do this by placing same size containers, (such as plastic cups or cans) in grid pattern around your lawn and then run all the sprinklers for ten minutes. The depth of water in each container should be the same. If not, your sprinkler heads may need adjustment.

A typical pop-up sprinkler head will place approximately 1/4 inch of water in 10 minutes. A Rotor Head sprinkler will apply 1/8 inch. - The key in uniformity of application.) When you know your sprinklers are adjusted properly, follow the guidelines found at the website: conservewater.utah.gov for how often watering is needed.

Finally, avoid watering outside between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM when, due to heat, much of the water you are applying will evaporate without accomplishing what you desire - a vibrant and healthy lawn and garden. Other water conservation suggestions are set out in WCWID's website under the news & notices tab. <https://wcid.org/conservation-tips>

WCWID, Like Most Other Water Systems, Is Reviewing Its Water Rates

As discussed in prior newsletters, WCWID has not raised water rates for over 15 years. Through wise financial management and taking advantage of low bond rates, WCWID has managed to fund all its operations and capital projects, including new and upgraded Wells and New Building, without a rate increase.

IN ADDITION, AS PROMISED, NO PROPERTY TAX HAS EVER BEEN IMPOSED ON PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN WCWID'S SYSTEM.

Unfortunately, due to high inflation, the passage of time, and the need to continue needed repairs, maintenance, and upgrades, WCWID has to look at increasing water rates. To assist us in that matter, WCWID has put together a "Rate Committee" made up of water users to advise the Board of Trustees on this important matter. We will keep you informed.....Thank you.