

Summer Water Use & Conservation

Summer is upon us! Hopefully the cool January weather has passed and warm sun will be the norm. Summer also means low precipitation and our lake levels experience a continual drop in water volume from May through October. See the District website for [recent lake level measurements](#).

(<https://northsaltspringwaterworks.ca/technical-information/lake-levels/>)

According to Environment Canada data, rainfall in 2018 has been slightly higher than normal. That is good news for your water supply and as of July 5, the watering restrictions remain at level 2. The District monitors factors such as lake levels, seasonal forecasts, precipitation and regulatory requirements, and can change the watering restriction level to 3 or 4 in an effort to maintain water quality and availability for the ratepayers of the District.

Water Meters

Can I touch that?

No, please do not touch the water meter. The water meter for your property is integral to measuring the amount of water used at your property. Water meters are part of the infrastructure owned by the District. So no tampering with our meter. You can however open the



lid to the meter box, and the lid to the meter, and read the meter to learn about your water usage. Ground water seeps into some meter boxes so a little bailing might be required to view the meter.

Water meters are mechanical devices that measure the volume of water entering your property. The meter is read every two months and your bimonthly water tolls are based on the amount of water you

use. The meter can not distinguish how the water is used. Example: If you have a leak, the meter records the water in the same way that it would if you were washing dishes, washing clothes or watering your plants.

Most meters in the District measure water in gallons and a few in cubic meters. In addition to the watch like dial and odometer like readings, some meters have a low flow dial that is useful for detecting leaks. The big dial moves fast when water is being used but may not show any movement for a leak. The low flow dial, often a black triangle, will perceptively spin even when just a small amount of water is passing through the meter. If all of your water consuming fixtures are off and the low flow dial is still moving, you may very well have a leak.

St. Mary Lake Treatment Plant

The construction of the St Mary Lake Dissolved Air Floatation Plant (DAF plant) continues to progress well. With approximately ten weeks to go



completion is on the horizon. The project remains within budget and substantial completion is expected in mid-September. The site is currently very busy with multiple trades working on various parts of the building, plant and site.

The DAF plant is designed to meet both current and anticipated future water quality regulations. The inclusion of a backup power generator and remote monitoring capabilities well enhance the District's ability to provide a safe and reliable water supply to the ratepayers.

An opening event for the public, partners and elected officials will be planned once the DAF plant is commissioned and the worksite is safe for public entry.

Trustee Meetings

Regular Trustee meetings are scheduled once a month through out the year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. A schedule of planned Trustee meetings is shown below



Trustee Meeting Calendar

 = Trustee Meeting

Unless posted otherwise:

Trustee meetings are held in the board room at the office of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District

761 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K S1

In Camera Trustee meetings begin at 09:30 AM

Regular Trustee meetings begin at 10:00 AM

Please visit the District website for information if you wish to attend a Trustee meeting

WinCalendar May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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AGM schedule to be determined for April