

Letter of Notification - Wellhead Protection Plan

December 22, 2016

Dear Residents:

The Colony Mountain Community Club is required by the Washington Department of Health to develop and maintain a wellhead protection plan for our water system. Wellhead protection involves protecting the land area surrounding our well in order to prevent contamination of our drinking water supply. Part of the plan is this letter of notification addressing potential sources of contamination to our well. You are receiving this letter because your Colony Mountain Community Club residence is within the wellhead protection zone surrounding our well (see map attached). The well is located on Colony Mountain Drive, south of Park Place.

This letter is intended to inform you of the location of our well and protection zone, and to serve as a reminder that any hazardous material put onto the ground or into your septic system has the potential of contaminating our drinking water supply. Some potentially harmful activities to avoid are...

- Improper use of a septic system (dumping paint, household cleaners, or solvents into your septic system).
- Dumping motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze or similar fluids onto the ground.
- Heavy use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Dumping or burying garbage in the ground.

Any unwanted or unused household hazardous materials (like those mentioned above) can be disposed of at The Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station 14104 Ovenell Rd in Mount Vernon. Call (360) 424-9532 for details, hours of operation, etc.

We are fortunate to have a good supply of high quality water. It should be everyone's intent to keep it that way for our continued good use, and for the ones that come along after us. Thank you for following these guidelines. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact the CMCC water manager.

TIPS TO AVOID SEPTIC SYSTEM TROUBLE:

- DO take leftover household chemicals to a hazardous waste collection center for disposal.
- DO practice water conservation. Repair dripping faucets and leaking toilets, run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.
- DO learn the location of your septic system and drain field.
- DON'T allow anyone to drive or park over any part of the system. Areas should be left undisturbed with only a mowed grass cover. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs may clog and damage your drain lines.
- DON'T use commercial septic tank additives. These products usually do not help and some may hurt your system in the long run.
- DON'T poison your system by pouring chemicals down the drain. They can kill the beneficial bacteria that treat your wastewater.

Because everyone plays a role in the protection plan, local residents are also being contacted with similar information. Please help us protect our drinking water, now, and in the future. Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions about the plan, please feel free to contact me at (360) 391-2428.

Sincerely,

Robert Connolly
Water Manager
Colony Mountain Community Club

