

# Connections



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**Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Friday  
8:00 am—5:00 pm  
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Holidays

*Emergency?* Call us  
@ 360-750-5876  
24 hours per day/  
7 days per week

**Commissioners:**

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**General Manager:**

John M. Peterson, P.E.

## Dispose of Medications Safely

Disposing of outdated medication (including over-the-counter aspirin, cold medicine, etc.) is a growing environmental



problem. Whenever someone flushes medications down the toilet or tosses them into the garbage, these drugs end up in the surface water or ground water.

Wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove flushed medications because they dissolve in water. In landfills, medications dissolve and pass directly into the ground water. This creates a problem for humans, fish and wildlife.

You can help reduce the flow of medications into the environment by properly disposing of your unwanted medications using any of the four methods suggested below.

1. Return unwanted medications to participating pharmacies in the Vancouver area, including:

- Fred Meyer
- Safeway
- Walgreen's

Most participating pharmacies will accept unwanted medications at no charge if they meet the following requirements:

- Must not be a controlled substance (e.g., prescribed pain killers and tranquilizers)
- Must be in original container with the name of the medicine clearly visible
- The container must not be leaking and is capable of being sealed
- All patient information must be removed or obscured

You may also contact Clark County Environmental Services ([www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/a-z/Resources/PartPharm.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/a-z/Resources/PartPharm.html)) at 397-2121 ext. 4352 to ask about a specific pharmacy or have a copy of the list mailed to you.

2. Ask your physician if he/she will take unwanted medications for safe disposal.
3. Take unwanted medications (except controlled substances) to a household hazardous waste collection facility, including Central Transfer & Recycling Center.
4. Take unwanted controlled substances to the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

For additional information about properly disposing of your unwanted medications, please visit the County's website, [www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/a-z/Materials/Meds.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/a-z/Materials/Meds.html).



Would you like to receive a free "Freeze the Grease" kit? Simply provide your mailing address to Kim Thur at (360) 993-8822 or by email to [kthur@crwwd.com](mailto:kthur@crwwd.com).



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## Senior Low-Income Discount Rates: Do You Qualify?



Are you aware of the District's senior low-income discount rates? Seniors aged 62 or older who own and live year-round in their homes may qualify. To be eligible, seniors must meet income levels

based upon the 2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

For 2013-2014, a household that makes no more than \$18,913/year qualifies for a 35 percent discount, and a household that makes no more than \$30,260/year qualifies for a 20 percent discount.

Eligible seniors wishing to apply for a discount simply need to provide the District with the following documents:

- Copy of your 2012 annual social security statement (all applicants)
- A 2012 tax return or, if an income tax return was not filed, an IRS form 4506-T/Letter of Non-Filing (first-time applicants or applicants that have not previously provided a letter of non-filing only)
- Valid picture ID with birth date (first-time applicants only)

Seniors currently receiving the discount (or those who previously received an application packet) will receive a letter and application packet by mail in June or July, depending on your billing schedule. Others should stop by or call the District office to request an application packet.

The current guidelines and discount rates begin July 1, 2013 and continue through June 30, 2014. Please contact Kelly Solomon, Finance Specialist, at (360) 993-8803 with questions about the program.

## District Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The District has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award recognizes the District for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for 2011.

The District places great emphasis on our customers' expectation for responsible and transparent management of the public resources entrusted to us. This award marks the 25th consecutive year that the District has been honored with the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.



"The District's Finance Director Ken Andrews and the rest of our team are to be recognized for their hard work in preparing an award winning CAFR year after year," said District General Manager John Peterson. "This award stands as testimony to their commitment to fiscal responsibility, accuracy in financial reporting and transparency."

## Online Bill Payment Tips

Are you a registered user and your **credit card is going to expire** soon?



1. Go to **www.crwwd.com**
2. Click on the "**PAY BILL ONLINE**" icon
3. Log into you account
4. Under 'My Profile', click on "**Remove Payment Method**"
5. Next, select "**Add Payment Method**"
6. Enter the credit card information and the new expiration date