Pay Your Permit Online!

If you’re looking for a New Year’s resolution you can keep, here’s a suggestion: avoid late fees—pay for your 2018 Group B annual operating permit before March 1.

We will add late fees to any unpaid invoices:

- 25% on March 2.
- An additional 25% on April 1.

Annual Permit Fee

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To help you keep your resolution—we offer three convenient ways to pay:

1. Visit [www.tpchd.org/waterpermit](http://www.tpchd.org/waterpermit) and complete your information. You can pay online with a Visa or MasterCard with our new payment system. Unlike previous years, you don’t need to create an account. The account ID number and invoice number are printed on the top of your invoice.

2. Mail in your check with the bottom portion of the invoice. To avoid a late fee, be sure to mail your payment before March 1. Include your invoice stub so your payment is applied to the correct account.

3. Pay in person at our office with cash, check or a card. Unfortunately, we can’t take payments over the phone.

Questions about your invoice?
Contact Luke Sturgeon at lsturgeon@tpchd.org or (253) 798-2856.

We Need Your Help!

We would like input from water systems managers and users. We need volunteers for our Drinking Water Advisory Group. Members will attend three to four meetings a year and:

- Help develop education materials.
- Develop or change regulations.
- Help to ensure water is safe for the residents of Pierce County.

Interested?
Contact Michelle Harris at mharris@tpchd.org or (253) 798-7683.

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Winterize Your Pumphouse.

Be proactive! Have good plans in place to save you stress and money in an emergency.

- Cover all loose insulation with plywood.
- If you use insulation use foam board to prevent rodent harborage.
- Bury all water lines at least 18 inches below the ground surface.
- Make sure all of your gauges, valves and tanks are working properly before harsh weather arrives.
- Seal your well house from rodents. Use wire mesh or other materials mice cannot chew through.
- Keep a water system professional’s contact number in case of an emergency.
- Have an emergency plan available in case water service is interrupted. Communicate this plan to your users.
- Contact your professional as soon as possible to plan for emergency services if needed.

Do not:

- Use antifreeze or lubricating oils in or on any part of your system.
- Try to “quick thaw” frozen water pipes yourself. Call a qualified plumber or water system professional.
- Use loose insulation or shredded paper as an insulator. It makes perfect nesting materials for rodents.

Education Corner

How deep is your well?

Ever wonder how deep your well is or the depth of other wells in your area? Find well construction details including depth, static water level, surface seal depth and other important information. Visit Department of Ecology’s water well report lookup at https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/waterresources/map/WCLSWebMap/default.aspx

Search by original owner who drilled the well, parcel number, site address or section, township or range.

This information will come in handy if you ever need a water professional to work on your water system.