Free workshop for managers

Small water systems 101
Are you a new Group B water system manager? Maybe you just need a refresher? This workshop is a simple introduction to what makes a water system.

You will learn:
- The basic components of a water system.
- Good practices to prepare you for common problems.
- Your role as water system manager.
- Proper techniques for water quality testing.
- What’s new in the water system world.

Sign up for a workshop coming to your area. We will serve sandwiches and snacks.

RSVP to mharris@tpchd.org or (253)798-7683 at least a week before the workshop. This allows us time to order food and prepare packets for attendees.

Sample pickup fee reduced!
Great news! Now, when you need a water sample pick up, you’ll pay less! We want to make it easier for water systems to comply with routine water quality requirements. The reduced fee makes it more affordable.

A Health Department employee will come to you to collect the required water samples. The 2019 sample pickup fee is $74 plus the lab cost for the sample. The 2019 lab cost for bacteria and nitrate samples are $21 each. This is a significant price drop from our 2018 fee of $174 for the same service.

Want to schedule a Health Department water sample collection? Contact us at EHDinkingwater@tpchd.org.

Water sample costs:
- Bacteria - $95.
- Nitrate - $95.
- Bacteria and nitrate - $116.
Are you in the clear?

You and your neighbors want safe and healthy drinking water. We want to make sure you know the steps to follow to make sure you’re in the clear.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department’s Drinking Water Program ensures drinking water from public water systems is safe and reliable. 80% of the active Pierce County Group B water systems meet public water system regulations. A recent survey showed most of the remaining 20% don’t understand the requirements.

For a water system to comply with state law they need:
- Satisfactory and routine water samples.
- To provide reliable drinking water to water system users.
- An annual permit.

Questions? Contact our staff.

Your permit fees support clean and healthy water.

Your neighbors and community rely on you to offer clean and healthy water. As one of Pierce County’s 1,400 Group B water systems (those with 2-14 connections), you are an important partner in protecting public health. Your annual permit fees provide funding for the Health Department to:
- Maintain technical, management, and emergency response assistance.
- Perform water system inspections.
- Assess drinking water supply.
- Provide regulatory oversight.

You may be among the water system customers who have made more than 3,000 telephone calls to our water program staff annually. We help customers comply with state and local drinking water regulations. Together, we ensure Group B public water systems provide safe and reliable drinking water.

Some of our services include:
- Maintain a Group B water system monitoring permit.
- Determine water system adequacy for land use permits.
- Maintain public water system records.
- Update Washington State Department of Health Water system records.
- Provide technical support to small water systems.
- Provide educational materials and workshops for water system owners and managers.
- Assist in emergency water outage situations.
- Respond to water system problems—water quality and quantity, operations, management, and monitor questions (about 2,000 per year).
- Perform water system sanitary surveys.

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