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Board meetings

Board meetings are 3 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Camano Water Association office, 82 W. Monticello Drive, Camano Island.

System flush happens March 16-19

Be prepared on March 16 to 19 for the water system flush. In this annual flush, a rapid flow of about 158,500 gallons of water will be flushed through the main pipes of the entire Camano Water Association water distribution system. This forceful flow breaks up and removes built-up minerals and other sediment in the pipes. The flush is also necessary because fewer people live here through the winter.

The flush process will take place 8 am to 3 pm on each of the four days. Look for street corner signs in the areas being flushed that day. Flushing will start in the neighborhood of the Camano Water Association offices and reservoir (Monticello Drive) and will work its way down throughout the system across the four-day flush.

When you see the signs saying the flush is being done in your neighborhood, try to minimize your water use until the flush is completed. Especially avoid doing laundry during the flush, because the loosened sediment can stain fabrics. If you have neighbors who don't get out much and might not see the signs, alert them when the flush is about to happen.

Although the flushing process can be inconvenient for a day or two, it's essential for maintaining the supply of fresh and clear water to your home.



This year's system flush will take place March 16 to 19 between 8 am and 3 pm each day.

Clearing discolored water

On March 16-19, the system flush will end by 3 pm each day. If your water is discolored after the flush has been done in your neighborhood, follow these steps:

- ◆ After the flush, run your outside faucets full blast for several minutes until the water runs clear.
- ◆ After you have verified that the outside water is running clear, turn on multiple cold water faucets inside your home and let them run full blast for a short time until the water runs clear.
- ◆ As an extra precaution after experiencing discolored water, cycle an empty washing machine before washing your first load.



If you have questions about the system flush or discolored water, please contact Camano Water Association at info@camanowater.com or (360) 387-9136.

Make sure the CWA office has your current phone and email.

Be prepared for yourself

In the event of a power outage or other emergency, Camano Water Association (CWA) has reservoirs for ample water storage and generators to continue pumping water. The CWA's emergency checklist details important contact information and what staff must do in an emergency. CWA partners with other island organizations to make sure that safe and clean water will be available in a disaster.

This said, remember that in an area-wide disaster, it might be impossible for help to come to you right away. So plan for at least five days on your own without access to running water, electricity, or open stores. Gather the following emergency supplies for each member of your family:

- ◆ Water, three gallons per day per family member
- ◆ Non-perishable food
- ◆ Medications
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ Food, water, and medications for your pets



For more information, go to www.islandcountywa.gov/DEM/Pages/Preparedness.aspx.

You can also download the Island County Emergency Preparedness app from <http://readydl.com/island-county>.

Another resources is [Camano Preparedness Group](#), which has monthly programs, a website, and a newsletter, all full of information to help you prepare yourself, your family, and your household for an emergency. Upcoming programs include:

- ◆ Monthly meeting, Madrona Fire Station, March 12
- ◆ 55-Plus Fair at Camano Community Center, March 28
- ◆ Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, Madrona Fire Station, April 10-12

Visit www.camanopreparednessgroup.org for more information.

Third-party online bill payment alert

Some Camano Water Association (CWA) members have reported a service claiming to represent CWA (and other utilities) for online bill payments. CWA does NOT offer any form of online payment for our members. If you try to pay your bill with such a service, those funds might not actually get to CWA, you might be charged a service fee, and you might still be responsible for payment.

However, if you're looking for a way to streamline paying your water bill, CWA does offer automatic bimonthly bill payment. To sign up, go to camanowater.com and click **Sign up for the automatic payment plan**. Or, contact the office at info@camanowater.com or (360) 387-9136 to get started.



Important water dates

Mark your calendar with the following important dates about your water service:

March 16-19: Annual water system flush
 March 17: CWA board meeting
 March 31: March bill payment due
 April 21: CWA board meeting
 May 6: May bills received
 May 19: CWA board meeting
 May 25: Memorial Day, office closed
 May 31: May bill payment due
 June 16: CWA board meeting
 November 7: Annual members meeting

To view the CWA calendar for the year, go to camanowater.com and click the **Calendar** tab. You can also print the year-at-a-glance CWA calendar.

CWA: Providing quality drinking water to people in the Camano Country Club area.