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## Board meetings

Board meetings are 2 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Call the office at (360) 387-9136 to confirm the time and meeting location.

## Water system being completely flushed March 14-17

Be prepared on March 14 to 17 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 will take place from 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



*The system flush for annual maintenance will take place 8 am to 3 pm daily on March 14 to 17.*

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.

## Clear discolored water

If you experience discolored water after the system flush on March 14-17, follow these steps:

- ◆ After the flush, run your outside faucets full blast for 5-10 minutes until the water runs clear. Using a white bucket is helpful.
- ◆ After you verify that 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, please contact Camano Water Association at [info@camanowater.com](mailto:info@camanowater.com) or (360) 387-9136.

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

## Prepare an emergency kit for your vehicle

Having emergency supplies in your vehicle is crucial whether you're taking a cross-country road trip or just driving between Camano Island and Everett. You never know when you might be caught in a road mishap that could strand you for hours. Having an emergency car kit is also vital in case a disaster happens while you're in your car or you and your family must flee your home at a moment's notice.



For more information about CWA emergency preparations or about preparing your household for disaster, contact CWA at (360) 387-9136. You can also visit [camanopreparednessgroup.org](http://camanopreparednessgroup.org) and [ready.gov/car](http://ready.gov/car) for more emergency preparedness tips.

### Supplies for your vehicle

Tool kit	Jumper cables
Tire gauge	Ice scraper
Chains	Flares

### Supplies for you and others

Water	Water purifier
Whistle	First aid kit
Trash bags	Toilet tissue
Hand wipes	Hand crank radio
Hand warmers	Folding saw
Nonperishable food	
Rain poncho and extra clothing	
Heavy coat and gloves	
Blankets and sleeping bags	
Flashlight and light sticks	
Solar charger for phone	
Multifunction tool	

## Important water dates

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

- March 7: March bills mailed (late fees resume)
- March 14-17: Annual water system flush**
- March 15: CWA board meeting
- March 31: March bill payment due
- April 19: CWA board meeting
- May 6: May bills mailed
- May 17: CWA board meeting
- May 30: Memorial Day, office closed
- May 31: May bill payment due
- June 21: CWA board meeting
- November 6: Annual members meeting**

To view the CWA calendar for the year, go to [camanowater.com](http://camanowater.com) and click the **Calendar** tab. You can also print the year-at-a-glance CWA calendar.

## Ten-year water system plan now available

The Camano Water Association (CWA) has completed a thorough system analysis and documented programs and strategies for the next 10 years in the newly available CWA Water System Plan.



The plan features comprehensive information about CWA water capacity, water rights, well supply, wellhead protection, treatment systems, and the distribution system including pumping and piping.

Washington state law requires all water systems serving at least 1,000 connections to develop a Water System Plan every 10 years. CWA serves 1,177 households throughout its Camano Country Club service area.

The 2,000-page CWA Water System Plan was the subject of a public meeting last spring and is approved by DOH and Island County. To review the plan, contact the CWA office at [info@camanowater.com](mailto:info@camanowater.com) or (360) 387-9136.