



ROCKWOOD WATER LINES

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It's Getting Dark Out There



Daylight hours are getting shorter, which means it's usually dark when we are commuting to and from work. It may also be rainy and foggy on most days. Whether it's dark or bad weather, Rockwood Water work crews will be working in the street. Travelers are urged to use caution while driving through work zones. Watch for signs, slow down, keep a safe distance, and watch for workers. Please be extra careful driving when it's dark, foggy, and in rainy and windy weather.

We're Hiring!

Have you ever considered a career in the water industry? A career in water offers the opportunity to deliver our world's most essential resource. Water careers pay competitive, family sustaining wages at all levels of experience. The District offers excellent benefits, and this position is part of the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). Rockwood Water has positions open for Utility Worker I and II. This is an entry or Journey level position for the District depending on experience. The employee performs a variety of manual and semi-skilled tasks in the construction and maintenance of the District's water facilities and is responsible for the use of a variety of hand and power tools and operation of trucks and related maintenance equipment. Work is normally performed as part of a crew under the supervision of the District Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or direction of a Lead Person. Salary Range: \$4,581 to \$5,957 per month (depending on experience), plus benefits. The position is offered at 40 hours per week. Applications are available at our office and on our website at rwpud.org. Position is open until filled.



Payment Assistance

Rockwood Water People's Utility District wants to ensure everyone has access to the water they need to stay healthy and take care of themselves and their families; however, it is important for customers to know they are still responsible for their water bills.

We understand our customers may be working through an affordability crisis during this time, so Rockwood Water is offering flexible payment arrangements and assistance to pay your water bill. Please be proactive! If you are facing a financial hardship during this time, please call us at 503.665.4179 or email us at customer-service@rwpud.org to work out a plan **BEFORE** your bill is due or late fees accrue.

Our Doors are Open to the Public



The Rockwood Water office is once again open to the public. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays and weekends. Masks are required to enter our building.

Groundwater Development Update

Current Groundwater Development Projects



Cascade Well 8 - NE 141st Avenue (Package 3)

The design for the treatment building and onsite improvements will begin in 2022, with construction during the year 2023.

Cascade Well 9 - Kirk Park, NE 188th Avenue - City of Gresham Project (Package 6)

Design for the wellhouse began this summer and construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.

NE 202nd Avenue, 19601 NE Halsey Street, and surrounding area (Package 1)

Construction for the new 6 MG reservoir (Cascade #2), located at the District office, has begun (photo right taken October 6, 2021). Work has begun on the wellhouse and site improvements for the new well (Cascade #7) at our NE 202nd Avenue location. Multiple waterlines are being installed between the District office at 196th and Halsey to 202nd and Glisan to deliver water to the Rockwood site. Replacement of the distribution mains in 202nd between Halsey and Glisan will be installed along with the transmission mains. Structural improvements to the existing 4 MG reservoir (Cascade #1) will begin in the spring of 2022.



Current Capital Improvement Project

ST19 - Steel Main Replacement

This project will be supporting enhanced water service upgrades at the intersection of SE 167th Avenue and SE Ankeny Street south to Stark Street plus 200' west on SE Oak Street and 200' east on SE Oak Street. Work will also take place on SE Ankeny Street west to SE 165th Avenue and on SE 166th Avenue. District staff will replace the existing old steel water mains with bigger ductile iron water mains. There will be scheduled shut-downs to make the final connections and any unforeseen repairs. Some traffic and parking impacts are expected in the immediate work area. The District may leave equipment in the area overnight and will need to utilize some street parking. They will not block driveways and will take care to minimize their impact. They will use cones and signage to control traffic per the approved traffic control plan.

Construction Start: Construction will begin in October 2021.

Duration: The project is expected to be completed around December 31, 2021.

Schedule: Mondays-Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except holidays.

