

# Drinking Water Warning: RESTRICT WATER USE

The Sun Vista/Sunlight Beach Water System, ID# \_\_\_\_\_, located in Island County is having difficulty maintaining water pressure within the distribution system because of over-use by customers. This has caused the storage tank to run dry and has allowed coliform bacteria to enter the water supply.

## Please conserve water by following these recommendations:

- Avoid use of this water supply to wash cars, boats, buildings, and sidewalks.
- Check your home plumbing for leaks and get them repaired.
- Don't let the water run while you are brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing.
- Install water-efficient showerheads and take shorter showers.
- Clean only full loads of dishes and laundry, between the hours of 10 am and 7 pm.
- Don't use water fountains and decorative ponds.

Water your yard in the early morning or in the evening. Stop outdoor watering during the day (from 10 am to 7 pm) when much of the water evaporates and is not used by grass or plants.

Try not to use water during times when your neighbors are also using a higher than normal volume of water, such as when they are watering. This will help to "balance" the use so that pressure can be maintained.

Thank you for your cooperation!

The state Drinking Water Regulations require that the water system be designed and operated to maintain 30 pounds of water pressure throughout the distribution system under normal circumstances. When a loss of pressure occurs, it is possible for contamination from the environment, such as human or animal waste, to be drawn into the water system. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms of illness. This may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. Please note that these symptoms may also be the result of events totally unrelated to drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about disease causing organisms in drinking water from their health care provider.

We will be keeping you informed of our progress. It may be necessary to conduct a community meeting to discuss whether additional facilities will be required to correct the problem.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.