Port Susan Camping Club, Inc.
2021
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

We are pleased to present to you the 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

This report contains information regarding PSCC#I —ID 105300090, PSCC#2 —ID 105300091 and PSCC#3 — ID 105300092. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water distribution process and protect our water resources.

The Port Susan Camping Club operates a small class-A water system and is a chartered member of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington. We are proud of the operations of the system, and we welcome this opportunity to tell you about it. We want you to know where your drinking water comes from and how it is treated. More importantly, we want you to know your water is safe to drink and meets or exceeds all government standards. This information allows people, particularly those with special health needs, to make informed decisions about their drinking water.

When Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated that all public water systems provide notice of its annual water quality report. We are committed to ensuring that the quality of your water meets the highest attainable standards on our aging system.

We have tried to make this report easy to understand- However, drinking water quality is a complex issue and some of the information is technical. If you have questions, please contact us at the **Port Susan Camping Club Maintenance Department at (360) 654-8755**, or our current **operation Manager-Quality Water Care office (360) 387-7000**. You can also obtain more information about our water system, via e-mail at: **qualitywatercare@yahoo.com**.

Information from EPA:

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's **Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**
While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, PSCC's Well Systems do contain low levels of arsenic. PSCC's EPAs standard balances the current understanding of arsenics possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health

effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

For more information about arsenic, you can go to:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/documents/arsenic_april_2021.pdf

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised individuals, such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These individuals should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

EPA has provided water systems with a checklist as a goal to include required information in all Water Quality Reports. The following information is required by EPA regardless of the levels of lead in drinking water and is included as mandatory language in Port Susan Camping Club's Water Quality Report, as part of its review of consumer confidence reports for the Tulalip Tribes of Washington — PWSS ID # 105300090, # 105300091, # 105300092: If Present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Port Susan Camping Club, Inc., is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at **www.epa.gov/safewater/lead**.

Drinking Water Source and Storage:

The Port Susan Camping Club is a chartered member of the Tulalip Tribes of
Washington. As such, the well systems (ground water sources) fall under Federal EPA jurisdiction and monitoring. The Port Susan Camping Club Water System is made up of three (3) community water systems that operate independently of one another and provide water service to 2,500 service connections on individual campsites and thirty (30) common use park buildings. The systems were designed and build when the club was constructed in 1977. All three systems draw water from deep well from the same groundwater aquifer located within Port Susan Camping Club property, and the combined well systems deliver an average of 87,560 gallons of water per day.
Well System-I was upgraded in 2002 and is located adjacent to the Port Susan Post Office on the sports field. This deep well system pumps water up to the storage tanks and distribution pump house located at the intersection of American and Northstar that serves 1,176 campsites and 11 buildings in the Well System-I area. The storage capacity of 96,000 gallons for the area is the largest within Port Susan.

The storage and distribution facilities of Well System-2 are collocated at the intersection of Wagon and Roberts. Deep Well-2 at this location is inoperative and has remained off-line since November 2006. Presently Well System-2 storage is supplied by a New Well-2 through a 4" line. The 28,000-gallon storage capacity of this system serves approximately 400 campsites, 2 comfort stations and the Maintenance

Department's building. The Adult, Family and Fitness Centers, plus the outdoor swimming pools, and approximately 323 campsites within this area are served by a new well system (Well System-2), which is located at the intersection of Roberts and Highball.
Well System-3 includes the collocation of a 28,000-gallon storage facility, located at "Diggers Hole" on Constitution. The area requires the support of two booster pumping stations (Booster Stations # 4 and # 5), due to the hilly terrain of its distribution system- Booster Station #4 is located at the intersection Of Donnybrook and Logger and serves 119 campsites and one comfort station. Booster Station #5 serves 81 campsites and is located on the first loop of Blueberry Street.

At the present time, Port Susan Camping Club, Inc. does not have a site-specific written well-head protection plan on file. However, we follow the guidelines and regulations, as established by the Tulalip Tribes and EPA in order to protect our groundwater sources. In an effort to protect our groundwater sources from contaminants the Port Susan Camping Club, Inc. has adopted rules and regulations that include, but are limited to, the following:
No use of herbicides or weed control spray.
Monitoring and regularly scheduled septic tank pumping
No mechanical work conducted on campsites
Violations written for an accumulation of garbage or debris stored on the ground.
Restrictions in the amount of time of campsite use.

Drinking Water Quality and Tables:

All Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Drinking Water Hotline at 1- 800-426-4791. As required by EPA, Port Susan Camping Club routinely monitors more than 80 contaminants in your drinking water.

The Port Susan Camping Club water treatment process includes the addition of chlorine as a disinfectant to kill bacteria. The chlorine used is injected into the water line from the deep wells prior to entering the storage tanks. Drinking water regulations require that we maintain a chlorine residual throughout our distribution system. This ensures that disinfection occurs and is evenly distributed throughout the water system.

In the following tables you may find terms and abbreviations you are not familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG; The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level or AL: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

State Reporting Level or SRL: Indicates the minimum reporting level required by the Washington Department of Health (DOH).
ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppå.• parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ND: indicates that the compound was not detected above the Specified Reporting Limit
uS/cm: micro siemans (measure the flow of electricity)
NTIJ: nephelometric turbidity unit
ND: Stands for Not Detected

Testing Required for 2021

Port Susan Camping Club is required to collect 3 bacteriological tests (one from each source) every month. A Bacteriological analysis shows the presence or absence of Total Coliform and E.coli. **Port Susan Camping Club results for 2021 were all absent for Total Coliform and E.coli.**

EPA required testing results from years past as well as our most current testing completed in 2020 are listed in the following tables for your review and consideration.

Inorganic Compounds
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 1

Test	Location	Date Sampled	Result	State MCL	Units Measured
Gross Beta	PSCC 1-02	7/23/2020	ND	50	pCi/L
Gross Alpha	PSCC 1-02	7/23/2020	ND	15	pCi/L
Radium 228	PSCC 1-02	7/23/2020	ND	5	pCi/L
Arsenic	**PSCC 1-02**	**7/23/2020**	**.0048**	**.010**	**Mg/L**
Nitrate	PSCC 1-02	8/20/2021	.18	10	Mg/L
THM HAA5	PSCC 1-20 PSCC 1-20	7/23/2020	All ND or under State MCL	80 60	Ug/L
  HAA5	PSCC 1-21 PSCC 1-21	8/20/2021 8/20/2021	All ND or under State MCL	80 60	Ug/L
VOC	PSCC 1-02	6/29/2018	All ND or under State MCL		Ug/L

Inorganic Compounds
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 2

Test	Location	Date Sampled	Result	State MCL	Units Measured
Gross Beta	PSCC 2-02	7/23/2020	ND	50	pCi/L
Gross Alpha	PSCC 2-02	7/23/2020	ND	15	pCi/L
Radium 228	PSCC 2-02	7/23/2020	ND	5	pCi/L
Arsenic	**PSCC 2-02**	**7/23/2020**	**.0071**	**.010**	**Mg/L**
Nitrate	PSCC 2-02	8/20/2021	ND	10	Mg/L
VOC	PSCC 2-02	6/7/2017	All ND or under State MCL		Ug/L
THM HAA5	PSCC 2-07 PSCC 2-07	7/23/2020	All ND or under State MCL		Ug/L
THM HAAS	PSCC 2-20 PSCC 2-20	8/20/2021 8/20/2021	All ND or under State MCL	80 60	Ug/L

Inorganic Compounds
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 3

Test	Location	Date Sampled	Result	State MCL	Units Measured
Gross Beta	"SCC 3-02	7/23/2020	ND	50	pCi/L
Gross Alpha	PSCC 3-02	7/23/2020	ND	15	pCi/L
Radium 228	PSCC 3-02	7/23/2020	ND	5	pCi/L
Arsenic	**PSCC 3-02**	**7/23/2020**	**.0040**	**.010**	**Mg/L**
Nitrate	PSCC 3-02	8/20/2021	1.16	10	Mg/L
THM HAA5	PSCC 3-09 PSCC 3-09	8/20/2021 8/20/2021	All ND or under State MCL		Ug/L
THM HAA5	PSCC 3-20 PSCC 3-20	7/23/2020	All ND or under State MCL		Ug/L
VOC	PSCC 3-02	6/29/2018	All ND or under State MCL		Ug/L

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 1

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result	State MCL	Unites Measured
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-03	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-03	.0096	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-04	.0018	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-04	.128	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-05	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-05	.0335	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-06	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-06	.0893	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-07	.0053	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-07	.152	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-08	.0010	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-08	.0810	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-10	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-10	.133	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-13	.0034	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-13	.154	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-14	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 1-14	.0484	1.3	Mg/L
	9/25/2021	PSCC 1-20	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/25/2021	PSCC 1-20	ND	1.3	Mg/L

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 2

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result	State MCL	Unites Measured
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-03	.0015	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-03	.0253	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-04	.0030	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-04	.257	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-05	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-05	.0099	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-06	.0019	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-06	.0402	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-07	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-07	.0054	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-08	.0013	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-08	.0165	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-10 Wagon	.0028	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-10	.0174	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-11 1150 Highline	.0043	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-11	.0103	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-12 Site 148	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-12	.0068	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-13	.0107	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-13	.0251	1.3	Mg/L

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 2

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result	State MCL	Unites Measured
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-03	.0015	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-03	.0253	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-04	.0030	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-04	.257	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-05	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-05	.0099	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-06	.0019	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-06	.0402	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-07	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-07	.0054	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-08	.0013	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-08	.0165	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-10 Wagon	.0028	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-10	.0174	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-11 1150 Highline	.0043	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-11	.0103	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-12 Site 148	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-12	.0068	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-13	.0107	.015	Mg/L
Copper	8/09/2020	PSCC 2-13	.0251	1.3	Mg/L

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 3

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result	State MCL	Unites Measured
Lead	3/15/2017	PSCC 3-01	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	3/15/2017	PSCC 3-01	ND	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	3/15/2017	PSCC 3-02	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	3/15/2017	PSCC 3-02	ND	1.3	Mg/L

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 3

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result	State MCL	Unites Measured
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-10	.001	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-10	.135	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-02	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-02	ND	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-03	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-03	.027	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-04 CSIO	ND	015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-04 CS10	.031	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-06	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-06	.025	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-07	ND	*015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-07	.011	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-08	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-08	.089	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-04	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-04	.011	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-11	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-11	.008	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-12	.001	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-12	.011	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-13	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-13	.011	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-14	.001	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-14	.036	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-20	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	6/7/2017	PSCC 3-20	.005	1.3	Mg/L

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 3

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result	State MCL	Unites Measured
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-03	.0010	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-03	.0403	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-04	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-04	.0574	1.3	Mg/L
	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-06	.0010	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-06	.657	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-07	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-07	.005	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-08	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-08	.312	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-10	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-10	.0677	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-11	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/24/2021	PSCC 3-11	.0571	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/25/2021	PSCC 3-12	.0012	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/25/2021	PSCC 3-12	.0195	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/25/2021	PSCC 3-13	.0015	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/25/2021	PSCC 3-13	.203	1.3	Mg/L
Lead	9/25/2021	PSCC 3-14	ND	.015	Mg/L
Copper	9/25/2021	PSCC 3-14	.0115	1.3	Mg/L

Temp, Ph, Calcium, Elec. Conductivity, and Alkalinity
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 3

Test	Date Sampled	Location	Result
Temp/Celsius	12/28/2017 12/28/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017	PSCC 3-02 pscc 3- 03 Chapel PSCC 3- Dist Line PSCC 3- Reservoir Site pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3- Reservoir In pscc 3- Distr. Line	10.33 5.69 8.7 9.1 4.6 5 6.4 5.2 9.9 9.8
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Calcium	12/28/2017 12/28/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017	PSCC 3-02 pscc 3- 03 Chapel pscc 3- Dist Line PSCC 3- Reservoir Site pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3- Reservoir In PSCC 3- Distr. Line	13.8 12.9 13.6 13.5 13.6 13.5 12.6 12.6 12.6 12.6
Electrical Conductivity	12/28/2017 12/28/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017	PSCC 3-02 pscc 3- 03 Chapel PSCC 3- Dist Line PSCC 3- Reservoir Site pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3- Reservoir In pscc 3- Distr. Line	250 248 253 253 253 253 252 252 252 252
Alkalinity	12/28/2017 12/28/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/11/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017 1/18/2017	pscc 3-02 pscc 3- 03 Chapel PSCC 3- Dist Line PSCC 3- Reservoir Site pscc 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station PSCC 3-9 Comfort Station PSCC 3-03 Chapel PSCC 3-Reservoir In PSCC 3-Distr. Line	94 99 97.5 98 99 99 97 98 99 98

Lead and Copper
Port Susan Camping Club
Well 3

General Information:
All water sources (both tap water and bottled water) contain impurities. As water flows over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Water is a precious resource. Abundant, available water is a quality of life issue that our community depends on. It's easy to take water for granted with our plentiful rainfall, but it is very important that we each do our part to use water wisely. Doing so benefits our community because it delays the need for costly upgrades of the water system. It also benefits the plants, wildlife and fish that depend on water for their survival.

Saving water is simple and inexpensive-just a little common sense goes a long way. Take shorter showers and repair leaky toilets and faucets. This can save thousands of gallons of water a year. Choose drought-tolerant plants, add mulch to your planting beds and water wisely. One inch of water a week, including rain, is all your lawn needs. For more tips on water conservation please log onto the Department of Health website at www.doh.wa.gov.

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