

THE WATER LINE

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Nob Hill Water Association

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Summer Office Hours



Monday - Wednesday
7:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Thursday
7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday
7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Holiday Closures

July 3
September 7



Distribution System Update

Retrofits: Our crews have completed **52 retrofits so far in 2026**, helping maintain and improve system reliability. A total of **81 retrofits were completed in 2025**.

Nob Hill Blvd Project: To prepare for the City of Yakima's upcoming road improvements, we installed **2,000 feet of new 8-inch water main** along Nob Hill Blvd, replacing end-of-life pipe from the 1960s and ensuring our infrastructure is ready ahead of upcoming paving.



HAZARD EVALUATION *Reminder*

Some connections to the public water system create hazards.

Our on-site evaluations and corrections help keep your drinking water safe and reliable.

PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

Hazard evaluations help identify potential risks before they become problems.

- ✓ Potable & Non-Potable Connections
- ✓ Equipment Using Water
- ✓ Underground Irrigation Systems

SAFE WATER STARTS WITH PREVENTION

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS INCLUDE:



POTABLE TO NON-POTABLE
Connections between drinking water and non-potable water or other liquids.



EQUIPMENT USING WATER
Connections to equipment that uses water for operational purposes.



UNDERGROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS
Underground irrigation and sprinkler system connections.

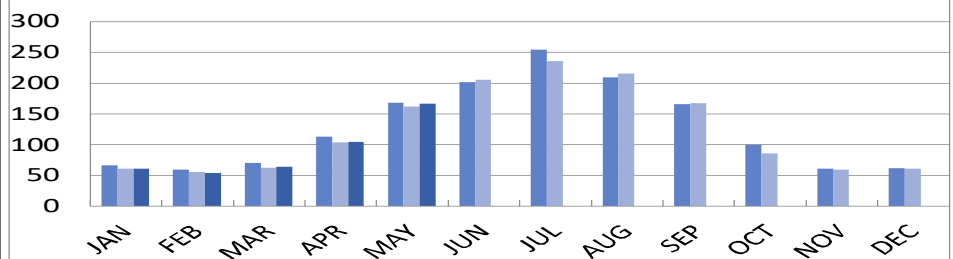


By identifying and addressing these hazards, we help protect the quality of your drinking water.

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Nob Hill Water Annual Usage History
(Million Gallons)



Westbrook Reservoir Update

The Association has two reservoirs on North 80th Avenue. Westbrook #1 is a 500,000-gallon concrete reservoir built in 1952, and Westbrook #2 is a 1,000,000-gallon reservoir built in 1974. A recent structural inspection found that the reservoirs are close to the end of their useful life and substantial improvements are needed. These repairs will extend the service life by approximately 40 years and will avoid the complete reconstruction of both reservoirs. The Association plans to spend around \$3M to complete all necessary repairs. Construction is estimated to commence in October 2026 and finish in March 2027.

Water Smarter This Summer



Watering your lawn and garden between 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM is one of the easiest ways to conserve water and keep plants healthy.

Why water in the Evening?

- Cooler temperatures reduce evaporation.
- Higher humidity and calmer winds help moisture stay in the soil.
- Water has more time to soak into plant roots before the heat of the day.

Benefits

- More water reaches plant roots instead of evaporating.
- Healthier lawns and gardens with stronger root systems.
- Reduced risk of fungal diseases and moisture-loving pests.

Best Practices

- Water deeply and less often to encourage deep root growth.
- Use mulch to help retain soil moisture and reduce evaporation.

Is Your Toilet Running?



Want to know if your toilet water is running all the time?

We have FREE detect-a-leak toilet tablets at the office for our customers to pick up during business hours. You take the tab, put it in the tank, and do not flush your toilet for 25-45 minutes. At the end of the time, check your toilet bowl. If the water is blue, your toilet runs more than it should.



TIPS FOR FINDING A LEAK

High Water Usage? We Can Help!

Not sure where the water is being used? We can help determine whether the water demand is coming from inside or outside your home but you **must** have a working main water shut-off valve for us to assist.

Common locations for main water shut-off valve include:

- Near the water heater
- In a crawl space
- In the garage
- Under the house
- Near where the water line enters the home

Once you've located your main water shut-off valve, call us at **509-966-0272** to schedule a free visit from one of our technicians during normal business hours.

EXAMPLES OF MAIN WATER SHUT OFF VALVES

The main shut off valve controls all the water that enters your home.



1. BALL VALVE

A ball valve has a lever handle. When the handle is parallel to the pipe, the water is ON. When the handle is perpendicular to the pipe, the water is OFF.



2. GATE VALVE

A gate valve has a wheel or flat handle that turns. Turn clockwise to shut off (stop the water). Turn counterclockwise to turn on (start the water).



Important: Turn the valve off only when needed (emergency or repairs). Test your valve periodically to make sure it turns.