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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

May Newsletter

### Do April Showers Bring May Flowers?

**Did you know** that the line "April Showers Bring May Flowers" is believed to date back to 1610? True, the past few months we have seen a lot of snow and rain. Thus, there is plenty of water in the deep aquifer from which WCWID has its source.

**May will bring forth the buds of Spring**, yards and gardens will start to "green up" and our neighborhoods will shake off the Winter gloom. Now is the time to "spring" into outdoor action. May is the start of neighborhood lawncare competitions (stated or unstated). It is time to let the rainfall work in your favor. From aerating the soil and throwing grass seed, to arranging the hanging baskets and replacing any old landscaping, it's time to get out and enjoy the sun.

**The feel of Spring** is in the air and is the perfect cure for our winter blues. While not all of us have been blessed with a green thumb, use these easy tips get started:

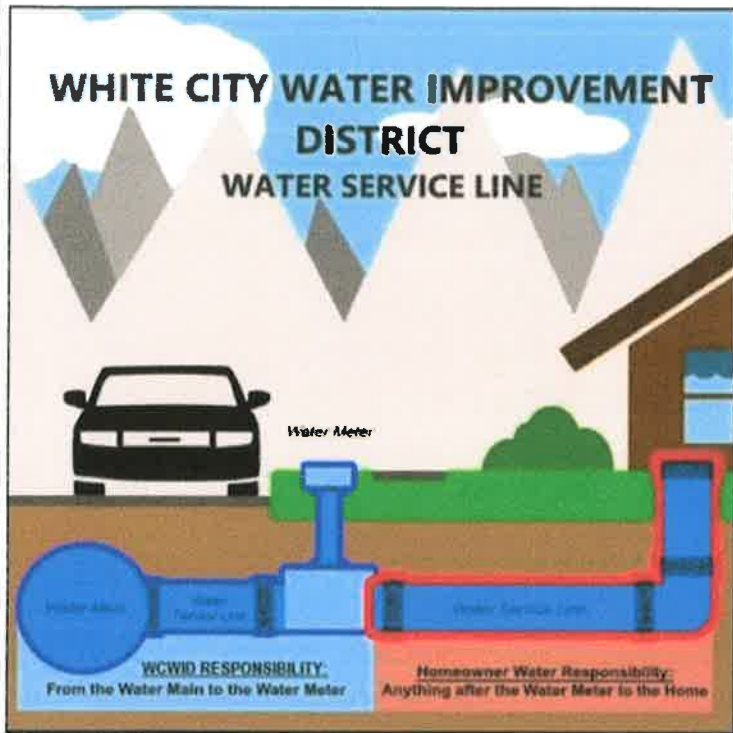
- Know your climate zone and pick the proper plants.
- A healthy and aerated soil can save you a lot of headaches.
- While mulch can spruce things up, it is quite functional! Placing fresh mulch in flower beds can help retain water for the soil and plants.
- Group similar plants together for irrigation. (Let the water work for you!)
- Keep up the weeding!
- Raise your lawnmower height. (See more helpful tips at <https://wcwid.org/>)

### Inventory of Pipeline Continuing

**As discussed in previous newsletter**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has mandated that all public water systems must inventory all water mains and pipelines to determine if they contain lead. The purpose of the Revised Lead & Copper Rule is to prevent future problems like that experienced by Flint, Michigan some years ago where lead leached into the drinking water supply as a result of lead pipelines in that water system. While lead pipelines are generally found in older systems, the EPA has dictated that all systems must inventory pipelines regardless of age or history.

Having reviewed our system, WCWID has no lead water mains or pipelines for which it is responsible. Our water operators have reviewed construction records (the water

**Diagram of Pipeline Responsibility.** (I want to thank SLC Public Utilities for letting us work off its diagram.)



system dates back to the 1950s), looked inside water barrels and taken an inventory of

**WCWID's pipelines.** However, WCWID only owns and maintains water mains and pipelines up to the individual Meters from which property owners get their water from the systems.

(See diagram on backside of this newsletter.] From the meters to the individual home or business, church etc., the pipelines are owned and are the responsibility of the owners of the homes or businesses. Thus, while WCWID can confidently state that it does not own or maintain any lead water lines, it cannot do so for all of the pipelines running from

the meters to your homes or businesses, although given the age of the system it is unlikely that lead lines are or were used.

**As a consequence of the EPA's Revised Rule,** WCWID needs your continuing assistance to inventory the pipelines that carry water from the meters into your homes or businesses. If you have not yet done so, please go to where the water service line enters into your property. (There should be a shut off handle or valve there.) Look at the pipeline and identify whether it is cooper, galvanized steel, plastic or lead. (If you cannot identify the pipe, take a photo of it and send it to WCWID and our staff will be happy to help.)

**Please fill out the form below and return** it with your payment or drop it off at the office. Another option is to use the website and fill out the form online. Thank you.

**SAMPLE FORM TO FILL OUT:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Type (check one): Copper: \_\_\_\_\_ Galvanized Steel: \_\_\_\_\_ Poly: \_\_\_\_\_ Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown: \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am the property owner and certify that the above-listed service line material has been visually inspected and is represented accurately to the best of my knowledge.

X \_\_\_\_\_

