



CITY OF BINGEN NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2005

4th of July Fireworks

The cities of Bingen and White Salmon in conjunction with the Port of Klickitat and Klickitat County have designated a safe area at Bingen Point for shooting off fireworks. Areas are also provided for those who wish to view fireworks but not shoot them off.

To keep people and property safe, laws and rules are in place.

- Please remember that illegal fireworks will be confiscated. All legal fireworks are labeled CLASS "C" – any others will be confiscated.
- Be aware of the people around you when discharging fireworks. It is unlawful to discharge or use a firework in a reckless manner which creates a risk of death or injury to a person or damage to property.
- Remember to use the garbage containers located throughout the area. It is unlawful to litter.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Port property.



Let's have a fun and safe
2005 Fourth of July Celebration.

Keep Cool in the Pool

How can you keep cool this summer – by visiting the White Salmon Swimming Pool. The pool is now officially open for business this summer.

Monday through Friday

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Swim Lessons
11:00 a.m.– 11:45 a.m.	Swim Club
12:15 a.m.– 2:15 p.m.	Open Swim, Session #1
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Open Swim, Session #2
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Water Aerobics
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Swim Lessons
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Family Swim, Session #3

Saturday

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Open Swim, Session #1
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Open Swim, Session #2

General Admission	\$2.25 per person/session
Water Aerobics	\$2.25 per person

Season Passes/1 Person	\$60.00
Season Passes/2 People	\$90.00
Season Passes/3 People	\$120.00
Season Passes/4 or more	\$150.00

Swimming Lessons	\$40.00 per class
Swim Club	\$45.00 per class

Swimming Lessons

Sign up for swimming lessons at White Salmon City Hall. Lesson times are at: 9:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Swimming lessons are scheduled as follows:

June 20 th	–	July 1 st
July 11 th	–	July 22 nd
July 25 th	–	August 5 th
August 8 th	–	August 19 th

**Wanted: Your Drain's Worst Enemy -- Grease
Last Seen Loitering in Sinks and Drains
Wanted for Causing Sewer Overflows**

DO

- Put oil and grease in collection containers
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment, and food preparation areas with scrapers, towels, brooms
- Keep grease out of wash water
- Place food scraps in collection containers

DO NOT

- ⊗ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ⊗ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans, and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ⊗ Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- ⊗ Put food scraps down drains

Help keep this guy out of your drains and in the hands of the proper authorities!

**Se Busca: El Peor Enemigo De Sus Tuberías De Desague -- La Grasa
Visto Por Última Vez Merendando por Fregaderos y Desagües
Se Busca Por Causar Desbordamientos en las Alcantarillas**

COSAS QUE SE DEBEN HACER

- Poner el aceite y la grasa en recipientes de recogida
- Quitar el aceite y la grasa de los utensilios de cocina, equipos y áreas de preparación de alimentos con raspadores/paños/escobas
- Mantener la grasa alejada del agua para lavar
- Colocar los restos de comida en recipientes de basura

COSAS QUE NO SE DEBEN HACER

- ⊗ Merter el aceite y la grasa por los desagües
- ⊗ Lavar freidoras/planchas, ollas/sartenes y platos con agua mientras no se haya eliminado el aceite y la grasa
- ⊗ Usar agua caliente para quitar la grasa de las superficies
- ⊗ Echar restos de comida a los desagües

¡Ayude a mantener este tipo fuera de sus tuberías de desagüe y en manos de las autoridades adecuadas!

City of Bingen 2004 Water Quality Report

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Health require community water systems to report to their customers about the quality of water they drink. The following information is provided for the year 2004.

Details are provided about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information. For more information about your water, call the Public Works Department at 509-493-1348. Additional information can be obtained by attending City Council meetings. The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Where does our water come from?

The City of Bingen's water comes from three municipal wells sunk approximately 300 to 360 feet into an underground source of water. These wells are located as follows: Park Well at Willow and Humboldt; the Dry Creek Well located at Jefferson and Walnut; and the Reservoir Well located north of Highway 141 and Ash Street. After the water comes out of the wells, it is aerated and disinfected to protect you against microbial contaminants.

It should be noted that the City of Bingen purchases water from the City of White Salmon during peak usage. Copies of White Salmon's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available at Bingen City Hall and White Salmon City Hall.

Is the water contaminated?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons 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. People should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Environmental Protection Agency and Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels 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 before we treat it 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 storm water 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 and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data Table

This table lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected for the period covered by this report. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per because the concentration of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.

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

Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
<i>Inorganic Contaminants</i>								
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.3	0.3	0.3	6/16/04	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0017	0.001	0.0017	6/16/04	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)*	4	4	0.3	0.2	0.3	6/16/04	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Contaminants(units)	MCLG	AL	Your Water	# of Samples > AL	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
<i>Inorganic Contaminants</i>							
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.0011	0	6/16/04	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppm)	0	15	0.6	0	6/16/04	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

*The City of Bingen nor the City of White Salmon adds fluoride to its water.

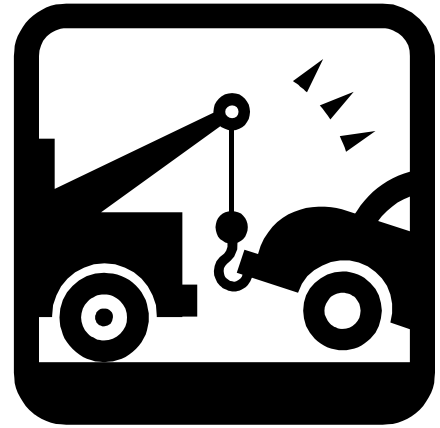
Spanish (Español)

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Traduscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Is Your Vehicle Legally Parked?

The City of Bingen has adopted a parking ordinance that controls what kinds of vehicles can be parked along city streets. Do not park the following along city streets:

- ⊗ Vehicles with flat tires
- ⊗ Vehicles that do not operate
- ⊗ Vehicles with expired license plates/tags
- ⊗ Vehicles without license plates
- ⊗ Boats
- ⊗ Utility trailers
- ⊗ Snowmobiles
- ⊗ Recreational vehicles
- ⊗ Motor homes
- ⊗ Camper (pickup)
- ⊗ Trucks and/or trailers that exceed 20 feet in length or 30,000 pounds gross vehicle capacity



The vehicle must be entirely on private property it will be considered to be located within the right-of-way.

If you have someone visiting you with a motor home or recreational vehicles it may be parked on city streets for a maximum of 14 days without a permit. If it is necessary to park the vehicle for an additional period of time a permit is required and 14 additional days are allowed.

Moving one of the above mentioned vehicles from one location to another will not prevent you from getting a warning or a ticket.

Esta su Vehículo Estacionado Legalmente?

La Ciudad de Bingen ha adoptado una ley sobre que tipo de vehículos que pueden estar estacionados en las calles de la ciudad. No parqueen los siguientes vehículos en las calles:

- ⊗ Vehículos con llantas ponchadas
- ⊗ Vehículos que no se pueden usar
- ⊗ Vehículos con placas vencidas
- ⊗ Vehículos de recreación
- ⊗ Vehículos sin placas
- ⊗ Trailas móviles
- ⊗ Lanchas
- ⊗ Trailas de utilidad
- ⊗ Camiones o trailes que miden 20 pies de largo o 30,000 libras de peso.

El vehículo debe de estar completamente estacionado en propiedad privada si no será considerado estacionado ilegalmente.

Si usted tiene a alguien visitándolo con una traila mobil o vehículos de recreación podrá estar estacionado en las calles por un máximo de 14 días sin un permiso. Si es necesario parqueen el vehículo por un tiempo adicional, será requerido un permiso que puede ser alquerido en las oficinas de la ciudad por otros 14 días.

Moviendo un vehículo que esta prohibido de lugar a lugar no es prevención a no recibir un tiquete o una sanción.

Bookmobile Summer Schedule

Did you that a bookmobile stops twice a month in Bingen at Daubenspeck Park? Well it does and it contains materials and books for all ages. If you can't get to the library up in White Salmon check a book out from the bookmobile.

The bookmobile stops in Bingen on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. as follows:

July 7
July 21
August 4
August 18
September 1

Bingen Council Members and Staff

Brian Prigel, Mayor
Randy Anderson, Council Member
Laura Mann, Council Member
Betty Barnes, Council Member
Terry Trantow, Council Member
Barbara Hylton, Council Member

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Dena Riggleman, Deputy Clerk
Brandon Walter, Public Works Superintendent
Esteban Sanchez, Public Works Maintenance
Tom Hons, Treatment Plant Operator
Mark Scowden, Treatment Plant Operator
Micheal Robarge, Treatment Plant Operator

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