



NORTH CLACKAMAS
PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT



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County proactively tests for lead at NCPRD parks

59 of 60 drinking water sources under EPA level

Clackamas County has proactively tested for lead at 20 sites with drinking water sources throughout parks and facilities in the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD).

These tested sites have 60 different designated drinking water sources (i.e. water fountains, kitchen sink faucets, ice machines) and comprise all potential potable sources found at NCPRD managed and maintained sites.

Fifty-nine of the drinking water outlets tested had a lead level below Environmental Protection Agency standards.

“Clackamas County was not required to perform this testing, and we had no indication that anything was wrong,” said County Administrator Don Krupp. “But we felt that, given the recent news stories about this issue, this was a prudent step to ensure the health and safety of our residents and park users.”

“We’re pleased with this outcome,” he said.

The single source that exceeded the EPA limit came from a sink at the Hood View Park house, which is not in use as a water source. That house is primarily a staff office with limited public use. The source tested at 26 parts per billion (the EPA-set level is 20 parts per billion). While that source is being retested, the sink has already been decommissioned and removed.

Water samples were collected by parks district staff after being trained to do so. The samples were then sent to Water Environment Services, the county department that is certified to perform lead testing.

The testing project is fiscally responsible, costing slightly less than \$2,000.

This is only the first phase of the county's current plans for lead testing. It is expected that other county facilities will be similarly tested by the end of the year. The NCPRD sites were selected for preliminary tests because of their proximity to Portland, which has experienced lead contamination issues, and because of the age of some of the sources.

The 20 sites included:

- Alma Myra Park
- Altamont Park
- Ann-Toni Schreiber Park
- Ashley Meadows Park
- Century Park
- Happy Valley Park
- Harmony Road Neighborhood Park
- Heddie Notz Park
- Hood View Park and Facilities
- Maintenance Facility
- Milwaukie Center
- Talbert Park
- North Clackamas Aquatic Park
- North Clackamas Park and Facilities
- Pfeifer Park
- Riskey Park
- Stringfield Park and Facility
- Summerfield Park
- Village Green Park
- Water Tower Park

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