

Rebates offered for local businesses to protect the Clackamas River

Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP), in partnership with Water Environment Services (WES), is offering cash rebates and free technical assistance to help local businesses upgrade spill prevention equipment and protect the Clackamas River. The Clackamas River is a vital source of clean, safe drinking water for over 300,000 customers in Clackamas and Washington counties.

“Hazardous spills from commercial, industrial, and transportation activities can pose a significant risk to our drinking water source,” said, Kim Swan, the Water Resource Manager for the Clackamas River Water Providers. Numerous businesses use and store hazardous materials within the Clackamas Industrial Area, which is east of I-205 near highway 212 and 224 corridor. This is of particular concern, since many facilities are less than a quarter of a mile away from the river. Spills can travel quickly to the river or small tributary creeks entering just upstream from four drinking water intakes.

CRWP is providing eligible businesses with 50% off the cost to purchase and/or install secondary containment equipment, up to \$1,000. Equipment may include spill kits, spill pallets, double walled tanks, repairs to floor drains, installation of shut-off valves, and construction of berms. Businesses must be located in the Clackamas Industrial Area and up-stream from Clackamas River Water Providers’ drinking water intakes. Pro-



Drinking Water Intake Facility

gram applications will be mailed to area businesses, and eligibility details are available online at www.clackamasproviders.org.

In addition to cash benefits, CRWP has partnered with the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) to provide free technical assistance and vol-

untary facility site visits. PPRC is the Northwest’s leading source of high quality pollution prevention information, technical assistance, and training. PPRC works collaboratively with business and other organizations to promote environmental protection through pollution prevention.

Spills can quickly enter the river



Many storm drains are connected directly to the Clackamas River. When chemicals spill on a property or street, they travel to the river quickly. Only rain water should go down the storm drains.

Clackamas River Water Providers represents a coalition of local municipal drinking water providers, whose members include: the City of Estacada, the City of Lake Os-

wego, City of Tigard, Clackamas River Water, the North Clackamas County Water Commission (City of Gladstone and Oak Lodge Water Services), South Fork Water

Containment pallets, spill kits, and double walled tanks will help your business prepare for, and prevent, spills.



Board (Oregon City and West Linn), and Sunrise Water Authority (Happy Valley, Clackamas and Damascus).

Program funding is made available through a State Revolving Fund Drinking Water Protection grant awarded to CRWP in 2016. Additional project partners include Clackamas County Fire District #1, City of Gresham Well Field Protection Program, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information about this program, contact Kim Swan at kims@clackamasproviders.org or go to clackamasproviders.org. To report a spill or for pollution related questions, contact WES at 503-742-4567.

