

# ORCHARD AVENUE IRRIGATION DISTRICT #6

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## ***Welcome 2026!***

OAID is dedicated to making sure that every drop of water delivered to your tap is clean and safe for you and your family. Your tap water meets or exceeds all state and federal regulations and is safe to drink. Our 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for public water system ID 64000E is included. Remember do not pour anything on the ground you would not want to drink. Use the Transfer Station to dispose of any toxic chemicals.

The annual water meter reading begins the first week of August. Please be sure access to your meter is free of large vegetation, vehicles and dogs. If you have a basement meter, you are required to submit the reading by phone or email.

Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm.  
Unless otherwise posted.

## ***What is an Aquifer?***

“We live, work, and play over our drinking water. Help us protect it.”  
An aquifer is a saturated underground rock layer with enough available water that can be pumped out or flow from underground as a spring. Stop by the office during business hours and pick up a copy of the Aquifer Atlas.

## ***BE IN THE KNOW***

As the new year begins, we would like to welcome Jeff McMurtery to our Board of Directors and Part-Time Office Assistant Angel McChesney. Their knowledge and experience will be a great addition to the operation of OAID.

Orchard Avenue Irrigation was awarded funding for water system improvements from Spokane County ARPA funds and a Public Works Board loan. The project consists of the replacement of existing lead-joint pipes on several roads in the District and the work was split into two phases. MGM Construction Group completed Phase I in 2025 and will begin Phase II work this spring. The work involved replacing several blocks of 4" cast iron lead-joint water main with new 8" PVC C-900 pipe, the replacement of nearly 50 valves, 11 fire hydrants, over 150 service connections & meter assemblies, and nearly 4,000 lineal feet of service pipe along with gravel, pavement, and surface repairs. The goal of the project is to eliminate lead joints along with lead goosenecks. In addition to the removal of the lead appurtenances, the project will stop the leakage of the lead-joint pipe, nearly all of which are currently leaking. This will lower the District's overall leakage percentage, which is currently about 20%. The leakage goal is to be below 10%.

In 2025, we welcomed 46 new homeowners who purchased homes in our District and 2 new homeowners who built homes.

## ***Are you a Sprinkler System Owner?***

Per Washington State Law (246-292 WAC), ALL systems need to be tested annually by a certified tester, to avoid a potential \$250.00 fine. Thank you to sprinkler system owners who had their systems tested or had communication with our District in 2025. ALL Backflow, aka sprinkler systems working or non-working, need to be tested by a certified tester no later than JUNE 30th.

## ***We are always happy to answer any questions.***

Please contact Greg Bowman, District Manager, at 509-926-4563.

*AQUA DUCK: "Don't Pollute YOUR Water, It's BENEATH you!"*

