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## Free Lake Tapps Incident Locators

**Lake Tapps WA** – The Lake Tapps Incident Locator Program, first launched in 2014 by East Pierce Fire & Rescue, continues to be an effective way to ensure that help gets where it's needed when time counts.

East Pierce Fire & Rescue recognized the need for identifying properties from the water to help callers involved in or witnessing an incident on Lake Tapps to give 911 dispatchers a correct location quickly and accurately for emergency response. The fire district completed the numbering of all lake front properties at that time. Initially, homeowners were asked to purchase the incident locator signs. For the last several years, grant funding from Cascade Water Alliance has made a limited number of free signs available each year.

East Pierce Fire & Rescue and Cascade Water Alliance are excited to announce that incident locator signs will be provided for the remaining unmarked properties surrounding Lake Tapps. Residents will receive a sign free of charge, delivered to their doorstep!

This program is beneficial for both agencies as well as residents and visitors. The vast landscape of Lake Tapps can cause confusion as many islands look similar. Reference points are vital when on the water whether you are experiencing an emergency or just trying to navigate.

Cascade Water Alliance also utilizes the signs to assist with lake operations. Residents can easily identify a location for reporting concerns, issues, milfoil, and more.

What do you need to do to get a sign? Nothing! Working together, East Pierce and Cascade are purchasing signs and coordinating delivery. Signs with mounting instructions and hardware will be placed in a bag and delivered to your doorstep. Anticipated delivery dates will be in late spring.

For those who have previously requested signs and not yet received them, signs are on the way and will be part of this mass distribution event.

Homeowners are encouraged to post their lake side incident locator sign on their dock, boat house or other highly-visible waterfront location.

For more information visit [www.eastpiercefire.org/Public Education/Lake Tapps Incident Locator Signs](http://www.eastpiercefire.org/Public%20Education/Lake%20Tapps%20Incident%20Locator%20Signs).

For more information on Cascade Water Alliance, visit [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).