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Cascade Announces 2021 Milfoil Treatment Plan

Lake Tapps, WA - Cascade Water Alliance, which owns and operates the Lake Tapps Reservoir, conducted a milfoil survey in June. Based on this survey and information received from residents throughout the year, Cascade is announcing its 2021 Phase 1 planned milfoil treatment.

The areas designated to receive treatment are marked on the attached map. Phase 1 treatment will begin during the week of July 12. Residents in planned treatment areas will be notified regarding time and dates of treatment prior to actual application. Additional Phase 2 treatments are also planned in August. Specific information on August treatment sites will be provided at a later date.

This year, Cascade will be using the State Department of Ecology approved aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR®. Cascade used this herbicide to treat the reservoir in 2019 and 2020 with good results. It is environmentally friendlier than herbicides used in the past, and results have been significantly better. This treatment may affect water that is used for irrigation, but, as a reminder, pumping or drawing Lake Tapps Reservoir water for irrigation is ***never*** permitted.

Milfoil is found in most Northwest lakes. It has been in Lake Tapps on and off for years. Milfoil is no longer classified as a noxious weed, and therefore, Cascade has no legal obligation to address milfoil. However, Cascade is as interested as residents and recreation enthusiasts in keeping the reservoir clean and safe. This is why, over the past decade, Cascade has treated and addressed milfoil management on a regular basis at its own cost. Cascade does not manage native vegetation.

If property owners plan to remove aquatic plants from the Lake Tapps Reservoir in front of their property, they must follow the rules outlined by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Additional information can be found at WDFW Aquatic Plant Removal or Control: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/hpa/types/aquatic-plants>. The WDFW rules can be found in the [Aquatic Plants & Fish Pamphlet](#): <https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01728>.

In addition, Cascade has teamed up with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to offer residents TappsWise, a natural yard care and septic system maintenance program to keep the

Lake Tapps Reservoir clean and healthy. Additional information about TappsWise can be found here: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-homes/tappswise>

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Phase 1 2021 Milfoil Herbicide Treatment Areas



Cascade Water Alliance, June 6 2021, Lake Tapps, WA