

Spring  
2024

# Camano Cooperative

# Water & Power Company

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED  
YOUR 2023 WATER  
QUALITY REPORT



**MONTHLY BOARD  
MEETINGS:**

- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 20, 2024

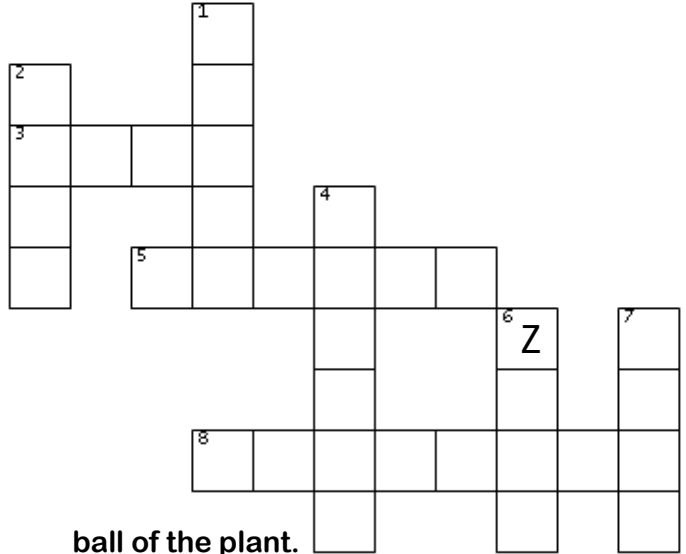
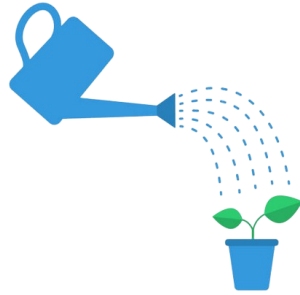
**LEAKS REPAIRED AT:**

- Lactrup
- W Camano & Easy Street



## Watering Facts:

Use the clues to fill in the words.



**ACROSS:**

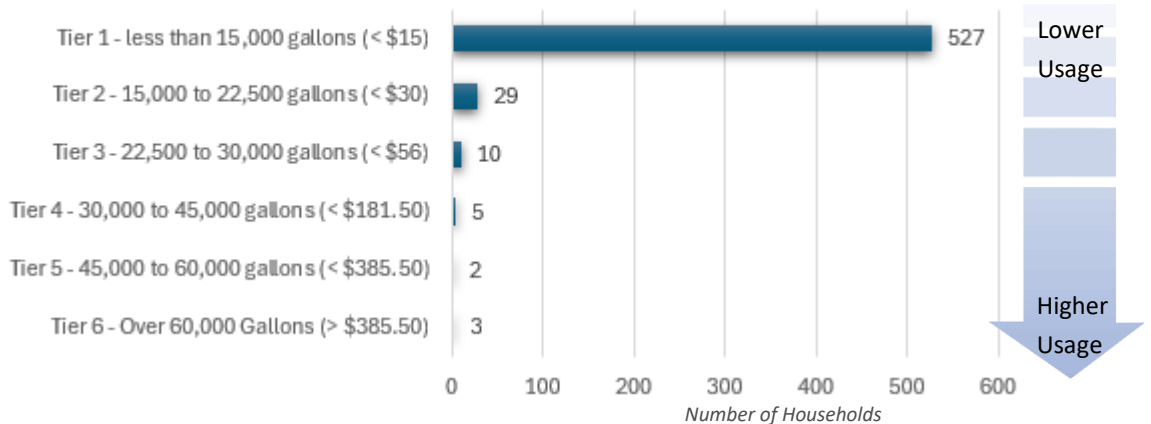
- 3. Water should reach the \_\_\_ ball of the plant.
- 5. Soaker hoses deliver water best on level \_\_\_\_.
- 8. Timed sprinklers should run during the \_\_\_\_\_ for optimal pressure and less evaporation.

**DOWN:**

- 1. Runoff and puddling are visible cues that \_\_\_\_\_ is being applied quicker than it can be absorbed.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ irrigation is an efficient method of watering.
- 4. Ollas are \_\_\_\_\_ in the ground to provide water directly to the roots
- 6. In-ground irrigation systems require accurate \_\_\_\_\_ programming.
- 7. Water deeply and \_\_\_\_\_ often rather than shallowly and more often.

ANSWERS: 1. water 2. drip 3. root 4. buried 5. ground 6. zone 7. less 8. evenings

## Shareholder Water Usage January - March 2024



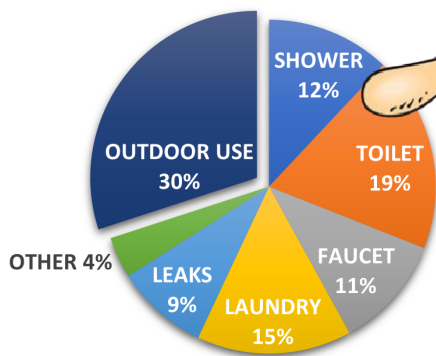
NOTE: Water used within the first tier is the least expensive. If a customer's water use exceeds the limit of the first tier, subsequent water use is charged at a higher, second tier rate. This continues on up to the sixth tier.

## Cross Connection Backflow Testing Due May 1st

Do you have any water source that is continually hooked up to supply water outside of normal plumbing? Things such as an irrigation system or water treatment system require you to have a backflow device installed for those systems and an annual inspection by a Cross Connection Control Specialist who will provide you with a report to submit to CCWP. This helps prevent cross contamination and keeps our water safe and healthy for everyone. For more information please refer to the Cross Connection Control Policy on our website or contact our office directly.



### How Much Water is Used Outdoors?



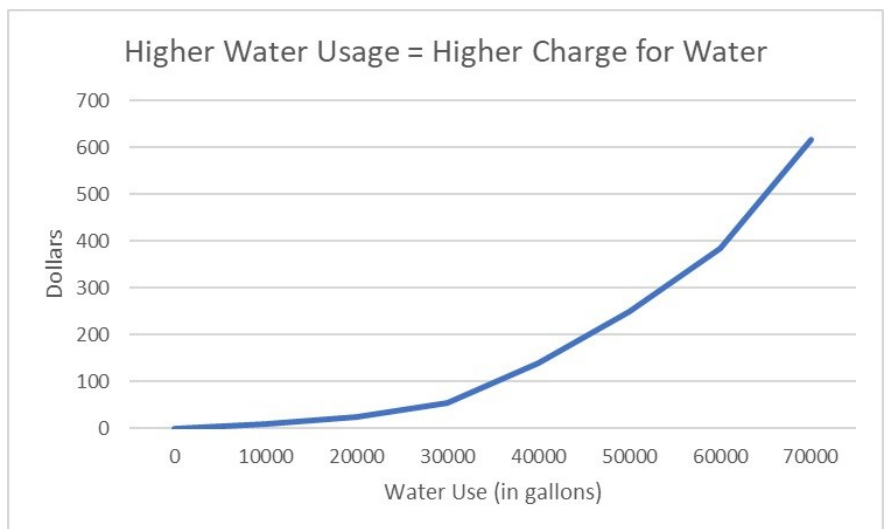
### Irrigation Systems—What you Need to Know:

We had several shareholders who were surprised by their July through September 2023 water usage and subsequent bill. Watering lawns and gardens, filling pools, and other outdoor uses tend to utilize large quantities of water and due to our tiered water billing structure (recommended by state government to encourage conservation), greatly increases your water bill.

Please see the chart below for a visual representation of this exponential cost of water. The blue line represents the water usage charges on your quarterly billing based on your gallon water usage in a single quarter.

To avoid sticker shock with each summer quarter billing, you can track your usage using your water meter. A simple act of subtracting readings will give you your usage in cubic feet (NOTE: all our meters are in cubic feet but we charge per gallon; 1 cf<sup>3</sup> = 7.48 gal.). Contact the office for help calculating the dollar amount of that usage and for any other information you may need.

There are also special devices and apps you can get to make tracking easier. Please check our website for recommendations and information on our cross connection policy.



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May 27—Memorial Day  
June 19—President's Day  
July 4—Independence Day