

YAKIMA RAILROAD AREA



UPDATE: Connections to City Water

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The city of Yakima has started connecting homes to the city's water system. Homes in Yakima that are close to the current water mains or lines are being hooked up first this summer. Since there isn't a main available yet by your home, it won't be possible to get it connected until next year.

You need to know that:

- It is up to each home owner to choose whether or not to connect to city water. If you are renting, please contact your landlord and inform him/her.
- The city of Yakima will be contacting you either this fall or next spring; you will get more information about hookups then.
- It won't cost you anything. The cost of the project is covered under a grant from the Department of Ecology to the cities. Your only cost will be the water bill from the city every other month.
- This offer is only good until the end of 1995, when the funding runs out. If you decide not to get your home connected, and then change your mind later, you will have to pay the cost yourself.
- You can still receive free bottled water until your home is connected. As of January 1, 1996, the free bottled water program will end.
- The Yakima Health District will be working

with local government to decide if your existing well water can be used for irrigation. They want to evaluate if there will be any risk to you or your family from contaminated water if well water is used. You will be kept informed.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

When the staff at Ecology learned of the groundwater contamination in the area from the solvent perchloroethylene (PCE), the first goal was to provide you with safe drinking water. This was done through the free bottled water program, paid for by the business that are potentially liable parties (PLPs).

Secondly, a long term solution was necessary. Ecology provided grant funding to the cities of Yakima and Union Gap to connect homes to the cities' water systems.

Now Ecology and the businesses involved will be looking at how to cleanup the area. Studies will need to be done before recommendations can be made.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Your opinions and concerns are valued at all stages of this project. You can express these to Ecology at public meetings, by writing or calling, or through a site involvement group.

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT GETTING YOUR HOME CONNECTED TO THE CITIES' WATER SYSTEMS, PLEASE CALL:

**City of Yakima
Public Works Department*
(509)575-6154**

***para asistencia bilingue, favor de hablar a Steve Martinez**

**City of Union Gap
Public Works Department
(509)248-0432**

FOR INFORMATION ON THE YAKIMA RAILROAD AREA, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AND THE BOTTLED WATER PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL:

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Toxics Cleanup Program*
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Yakima, WA 98902-3387
(509) 454-7886**

*** Para asistencia bilingue, favor de hablar a:**

**Tony Valero
Toxics Cleanup Program
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