

**From:** Marnee Foldoe  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 04, 2009 6:47 PM  
**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** WRIA-17

Dear Ms. Wessel:

I attended the public meeting months ago in Sequim about WRIA-18 and wells. At the time, there was mention of WRIA-17 rules to be implemented, including no outdoor watering of trees, gardens, and greenhouses in Chemicum.

On June 24, I saw a notice in the Peninsula Daily News about the new WRIA-17, and it listed the outdoor water restriction in Chemicum. I was able to access a portion of the Water Rule, but was not able to identify this specific reference. I am writing this based on the belief that what I read was correct. Although I live in Clallam County, I feel impelled to offer my comment about this:

There is something inherently wrong and unfair in denying property owners freedom to outdoor watering. Trees are an essential part of Life, whether by creating oxygen for us through photosynthesis, or by offering shade, wind protection, edible fruit, erosion control, or habitat for wildlife. Many people grow their own plants in gardens and greenhouses, often for food. In this economic climate, more people are turning to home grown food supplies. Food banks benefit from surplus from gardens. The food often has greater flavor and health benefits than that purchased in stores. For many people, working with plants is a therapeutic endeavor.

I believe that any attempt to deny people the right to outside watering in Chemicum, or anyplace else, is unconstitutional, as a denial of citizens' right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I hope the Department of Ecology will reconsider such severe limitations on outdoor watering.

Sincerely,

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