

# Notice to Chelan County Irrigators:

## *Irrigation Water on Roadways*

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Chelan County would like to call your attention to a problem that arises when irrigation systems generate ongoing, frequent watering within the county right-of-way because of improper watering techniques, including adjusting sprinkler heads, using back screens, and/or a lack of proper maintenance.

Excess water within the right-of-way contributes to erosion and damage to the road system and downstream properties. Water saturates the road bed and eventually causes potholes and shoulder collapse, reducing the life of the roadway and creating safety concerns for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Rough roadways can also be problematic when hauling your fruit to the warehouse.

In extreme conditions, excess water on the roadway may even cause sloughing of the roadway or landslides onto private property. The county requests your assistance in alleviating drainage problems by operating and maintaining your irrigation system in an efficient and effective manner.

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By using a proactive approach to resolving irrigation concerns, you can avoid Chelan County code enforcement actions and/or public or private legal action aimed at stopping irrigation problems and recovering damages caused by irresponsible watering methods. A few simple, inexpensive measures can go a long way in helping to preserve our roadway resources.

Chelan County believes that maintaining our roadways and keeping our communities safe is a team effort; after all, our residents own the roads we travel on and pay for their maintenance. We are hopeful you can assist us in our efforts to maintain the roadway in your neighborhood by practicing responsible watering techniques.



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**Nonemergency road issues (downed road signs, potholes, blocked culverts, etc.) can be reported online at [www.co.chelan.wa.us/public-works/forms/report-a-problem](http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/public-works/forms/report-a-problem)**