

City of Yakima

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Subject: General 308 Irrigation System Phase 3/Stage 3 Improvements

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## **Irrigation Construction Activities for week of November 23, 2009**

### **Contractor Continues Irrigation System Improvements**

Apple Tree Construction Co., LLC of Yakima, WA will continue construction on the General 308 Irrigation System Phase3/Stage 3 Improvements on Monday, November 23, 2009.

This project will replace approximately 12,600 linear feet of irrigation main with new 3" and 4" PVC and HDPE irrigation pipe, will install approximately 330 new service connections, and various valves and appurtenances.

The project replaces the existing irrigation main and services in the neighborhoods north of East Pine Street, south of East Yakima Avenue, east of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and west of South Fair Avenue.

For a majority of the project, new PVC pipe will be trenched in-place, replacing the existing wood stave irrigation mains. For a small portion of the project, new High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe will be inserted into the existing irrigation pipes (slipline), reducing the need for excavation.

**This next week's work will include preparation for final paving of East Chestnut Avenue between South 9<sup>th</sup> Street and South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and on South 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Pitcher Street and East Chestnut Avenue. Paving will take place on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. No work will occur on Thursday and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

During the work on this project, construction equipment such as backhoes and dump trucks will be used. Traffic control devices will be used in the areas of construction. Although access may be temporarily restricted in the immediate areas of construction, access will be maintained for surrounding businesses and residents.

The project is expected to be completed prior to the start-up of the irrigation system in April 2010.

Replacement of the existing irrigation pipes will reduce on-going leakage and repairs, annual operating and maintenance costs, and will provide more reliable service to customers.

Funding for the project is provided from the City's Irrigation Capital Improvement budget.

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