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Lake Tapps

Lake Tapps is a reservoir in Pierce County, Washington. It was created in 1911 and is maintained by Puget Sound Energy. A diversion dam on the White River, near Buckley, Washington, routes water into a flume which empties into the east side of Lake Tapps. On the west side of the lake water is routed to the "Dieringer Powerhouse" to generate hydroelectricity, after which the water is returned to the White River, about 20 miles downstream from the diversion dam. The level of the lake is lowered from September to May for flood control purposes, rendering it unusable for recreation for most of the year.

Since the creation of Lake Tapps, housing developments have been built around it. Recently, Puget Sound Energy has considered shutting down the project as unprofitable. Local residents have organized efforts to maintain the lake as it is even if Puget Sound Energy leaves.



Puget Sound Energy (Electricity & Natural Gas)	888-225-5773
Garbage Service, Water & Sewer	
• Pierce County Public Utilities Department	253-798-7250
Telephone Service - Qwest	800-244-1111
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
Licensing	253-840-4591
Post Office, Bonney Lake	253-863-8553
Bonney Lake Public Library	253-863-5867
Voter Registration	800-448-4881
Newspaper - Lake Tapps Reporter	253-826-3260
Hospital - Good Samaritan Hospital	253-697-7350
City of Bonney Lake	253-862-8602
Bonney Lake Police Department	253-863-2218
Bonney Lake Fire Department	253-863-1800