### STRATMOOR NEWS

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#### **Summer Watering Tips**

With Summer upon us, it's time to start thinking of using our water resources wisely. In the Colorado Springs area, it is recommended that lawns be watered three (3) days per week during the summer months. This can vary depending on weather and soil conditions so it may be necessary to check the root zone periodically



using a spade or trowel. If the ground is still moist two inches under the soil surface, you probably have enough water. The following tips can also be used to ensure you are watering efficiently:

- Adjust sprinklers to prevent water from spraying on non-landscaped areas including the sidewalk or street.
- Water in the morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- If water runs off of your lawn easily, split your watering times into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Try to avoid planting grass on sloped areas as water will run off quickly.
- Keep in mind that shaded or protected areas may need less water than other zones.
- You may want to adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds moisture better than short grass.



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STORM WATER RUNOFF **ENDS UP IN OUR** STREAMS AND RIVERS



#### **Water Efficient Landscaping**

There are many water efficient plants that grow well in our climate. The Colorado Springs Utilities Conservation and Environmental Center, 2855 Mesa Road, provides many examples of Xeriscape landscaping options. They are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am through 5 pm. You are also welcome to visit the garden in the evenings and weekends; however, staff are not available during these times.

If you have a landscaping project that is impacted by the location of your water meter box, please contact the Stratmoor Hills Water District office at 719-576-0311 and we can assist in raising or lowering it.

#### **BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)**

Bills Mailed - June 5, 2024 Payments Due - June 14, 2024 Late Notices Mailed - June 17, 2024 Shut Off Payments Due - June 25, 2024 Shut Off Day - June 26, 2024 Meter Read Date - June 28, 2024

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.

STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - http://www.stratmoorhills.org/contact.php

#### **SEWER PROBLEMS**

If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so that we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If it is in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.

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## **Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District**



# STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# THIRD ANNUAL WATER GAMES

Join us for this wholesome family day of water games, food, activities and FUN!

Saturday, June 29, 2024 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Sinton Park

Water guns will be provided FREE to the first 100 children.
Water balloon battles, slip and slide, food, games and activities for all to enjoy.

If you are interested in helping out, please call Dottie at the Fire Station no later than Friday, June 21, 2024, at 719.576.1200

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Board elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Board meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 "B" Street). Meeting agendas are posted at the Water District office (1811 "B" Street), the Fire Station and at the Stratmoor Elementary School (200 Loomis Avenue). If you would like more information about the Districts, please contact Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com