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THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

The mornings are crisper, the leaves are turning colors and there has even been snow on Pikes Peak already. These are all sure signs that winter is fast approaching. Are you ready for it?

It's time to think about winterizing your properties. Don't wait until it starts to snow because it will be too late then. Last year we received numerous calls for busted sprinkler lines and frozen water lines. The damage incurred from busted and frozen lines can add up to thousands of dollars in repairs as well as the inconvenience of not having any water until repairs are made. Typically during the first freeze up of the season the plumbers are swamped with emergency calls and it could take several days before they can respond to your call. There are a few things that you can do to avoid the expense and inconvenience of this happening to you.

- ◆ Shut your sprinkler systems off and have them drained for the season.
- ◆ Disconnect all garden hoses from the outside faucets.
- ◆ If you live in a mobile home ensure that you have heat tape and insulation on your water pipes in the crawlspace and that it is all plugged in and working properly.
- ◆ During extremely cold periods you may want to allow a faucet to trickle a little. This is especially important where the plumbing is running through an outside wall.
- ◆ Ensure that all holes on the outside of your home, especially around your outside faucets are sealed to keep the cold air from getting into your walls and plumbing. The expandable foam sealant is ideal for this.
- ◆ Open the cabinet doors under your bathroom and kitchen sinks to allow warm air to circulate around the plumbing. This is very important if your sinks are located on an outside wall.
- ◆ If you will be gone for an extended period of time during the cold months, it is a good idea to have

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your water shut off while you are gone. If something should happen to your heat you won't have to worry about coming home to a flooded home.

A few simple steps and precautions can save you a lot of money and aggravation. Make sure that you know where your main shut off valve is in the home and that it is working properly. If you have any questions contact our office at 719-576-0311.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

How could we get in touch with you in the event of an emergency? We need phone numbers. If a natural disaster struck such as the recent earthquakes or other natural or man made disasters we may have to get word to you about the water supply. This past winter we had several cases where water pipes had frozen and broke and the service needed to be shut off. We attempted to contact the customers that were affected and we did not have their numbers or the numbers had been changed and we did not have an alternate or up to date number. If we have an up to date phone number we can contact you directly with instructions and information. We would like to have at least 2 phone numbers to get in touch with you at anytime. A home number and/or cell number and a work number would allow us to get in touch with you. Just give us a call at 719-576-0311 or write your numbers on your payment stub when you pay your bill. Thank you for your cooperation.

BILLING SCHEDULE

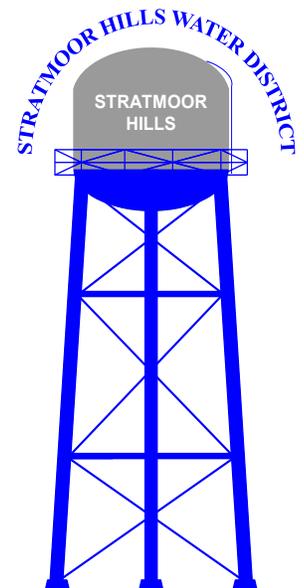
Payments Due - October 14, 2011

Late Notices Mailed - October 17, 2011

Shut Off Day - Wednesday - October 25, 2011

Meter Read Date - October 31, 2011

If you believe you may be late making your payment, call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$25.00 reconnect fee.



STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE:

Oct. 5th at 6:00 p.m. Supreme Spaghetti Supper, Don't miss this one.
Stratmoor Hills Elementary School

SEWER PROBLEMS

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



The Volunteer Firefighters will be traveling in your neighborhood for our annual "Halloween Cruise" on Halloween night starting around

5:00 - 8:00 pm



Look for the big trucks and wait for the firefighters' to throw some candy your way!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fire Prevention Week is October 10 -14th and this year's theme is "Protect your Family from Fire" the firefighters will be at the Elementary School doing demonstrations with the kids.

"Falling Back and Cleaning out your Medicine Cabinet."

On Sunday, November 6, 2011 when you turn your clocks back and check your smoke alarm batteries; also take the time to clean out your medicine cabinet. Medicine cabinets' must-haves include: bandages, gauze, tweezers, a thermometer, alcohol wipes and disinfectants such as Neosporin, according to the FDA. Other basics include pain relievers, antacids, fever reducers and hydrocortisone. ***Once a year it is recommended you go through your medicine cabinets and discard any items that have expired or restock your supply.*** Contrary to popular belief, prescription drugs and vitamins should not be kept in the bathroom cabinet. Bathrooms generate heat and moisture, both of which speed up the deterioration of medications. Keep your medications in a cool, dark and dry place such as a shelf in the linen closet.

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The Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts are governed by elected Boards of Directors. Currently, the members of each of the three Boards are:

Mr. Duane Skupa—Chairperson/President Mr. Rudolph Rehbein—Vice Chairperson/President Mr. Robert Colgrove—Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Paul Stevens—Director Mr. Edward Singleton—Director

Board elections are held in May of even-numbered years. Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 B Street). Meeting minutes 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 the Water and Sanitation Districts', Ralph Ravenscroft at 576-0311 or e-mail at ralph@stratmoorhillswater.org and Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or e-mail at mail@shvd.com