

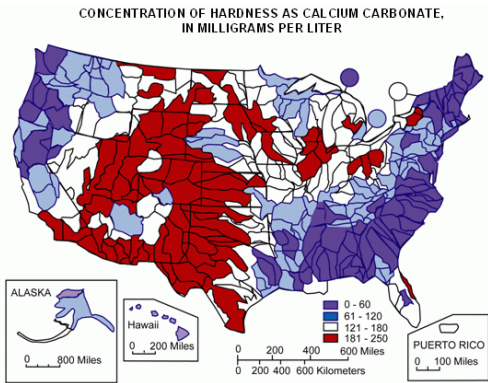
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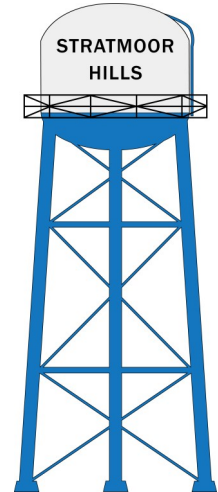
December 2022

Water Hardness in Your Area



It has been brought to our attention that the Stratmoor Hills Water District community has seen an increase in water hardness over the past 6 months. The District completed our new water treatment plant in April of 2022 and we have now made the switch to using our three groundwater wells to meet the majority of our daily demand. Previously we received a majority of our water from the

Fountain Valley Authority, which is treated surface water. Currently, the FVA is undergoing major repairs and is not in operation until March 2023. Therefore, we must rely on our groundwater rights to meet the daily demand. Groundwater tends to be harder than surface water and can range to greater than 1000 mg/L. What are the known sources of water hardness? Water hardness in most groundwater is naturally occurring from weathering of limestone, sedimentary rock and calcium bearing minerals. We understand that you may be experiencing harder water than before, but please rest assure that the District is treating your water to the highest standards established by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. If you are experiencing hard water, we ask that you look into possible treatments, such as water softeners. A home water softener is the most efficient way to remove the minerals that make your water hard. Affordable water softening systems are available from a variety of retailers with capacities to fit your home's water usage and hardness. Your water meets or exceeds all State and Federal regulations required for a public water system.



See us on the website at: stratmoorhillswater.org

IMPORTANT:

Due to yearend report deadlines, November billing has been generated early. Water usage charges have been calculated from October 31 through November 27, 2022. Payment due date remains the same. Thank you for your patience.

Why So Many Main Breaks and Outages??

We have received several comments and inquires regarding the amount of water outages the District has experienced. There is one main reason for this... "AGE". The overall age of our infrastructure is almost 70 years. It cost the District \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year to replace only a small portion of pipeline. We also have small field crew that can respond to these disruptions in the system. We understand that these outages are an inconvenience, but we respectfully ask for your patients and understanding. We will do everything possible to restore water in a timely manner.

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

[BILLING SCHEDULE \(est.\)](#)

Bills Mailed - December 5, 2022

Payments Due - December 15, 2022

Late Notices Mailed - December 16, 2022

Shut Off Payments Due - Dec 27, 2022

Shut Off Day - December 28, 2022

Meter Read Date - December 29, 2022

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to

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.



SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!!

The Volunteer Firefighters' & Santa will be "Cruising" your street on Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 9:00 – 12:00. Watch for Santa and the Fire trucks; he may give you some goodies!!!!

Join us for our Annual Toy Drive and help bring a smile to a child this Christmas Season. The Firefighters at your fire station are collecting new or used toys for Christmas Unlimited. Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Station in the box in the front lobby.



Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ❗ Almost one third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ❗ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ❗ A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.



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Board elections are held in May of even-numbered years. Board meetings are 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 Kevin Niles at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kevin@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com