
STRATMOOR NEWS

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A Good Water Year

Recent snow storms have provided above average snowpack conditions within the Arkansas River Basin. This is good news for the Stratmoor Hills Water District customers as it will allow the district to maximize its storage of Arkansas River Basin project water in Pueblo Reservoir.

According to the USDA National Water and Weather Center, at the end of March, snowpack across Colorado was 108% of the median average. The Arkansas River Basin was even higher, at 118% of the median average.

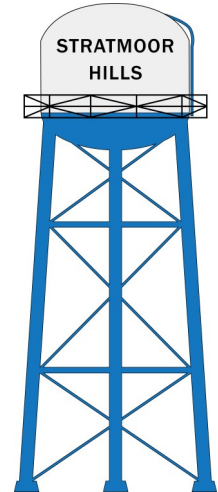
The Stratmoor Hills Water District stores all of its surface water in Pueblo Reservoir.

This water is then pumped to the Fountain Valley Authority water treatment plant where it is treated, and then delivered to the district for use by our customers.

Even with this unusually high amount of snowpack, it is important for everyone to use water wisely. Southern Colorado is generally considered a semi-arid region, especially in the summer. The district encourages customers to only water when necessary, and avoid over-watering.



Pueblo Reservoir and Dam



See us on the website at:
stratmoorhillswater.org



XERISCAPE LANDSCAPING

Now that Spring has arrived, many of us will take on projects to enhance our yards. This is a great time to convert to Xeriscape landscaping. Xeriscape is defined as an attractive, sustainable landscape that conserves water.

Xeriscape planning can get very involved, and it is best to check with a nursery or landscape professional to determine what plants are best suited for your application. Another great resource for xeriscape planning is the Colorado Springs Utilities website or their Conservation & Environmental Center located at 2855 Mesa Road.

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

[Bills Mailed - April 3, 2024](#)

[Payments Due - April 15, 2024](#)

[Late Notices Mailed - April 16, 2024](#)

[Shut Off Payments Due - April 23, 2024](#)

[Shut Off Day - April 24, 2024](#)

[Meter Read Date - April 30, 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

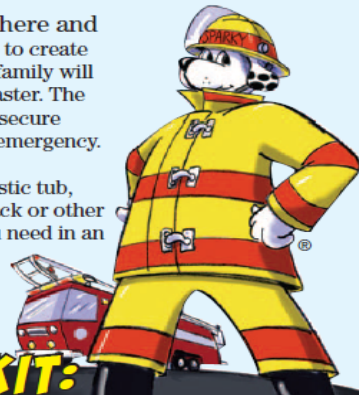
If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so that we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If it is in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.



GET READY!

Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. By taking the time to create an emergency supplies kit, your family will be prepared in the event of a disaster. The kit also helps children feel more secure knowing it is there in case of an emergency.

The supplies can be kept in a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack or other container. To learn what else you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to www.ready.gov.



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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT:

- Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply
- Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods — at least a 3-day supply
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative
- Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Water and pet food if you have pets
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Aluminum foil
- A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items
- Soap
- Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies
- Books, games puzzles, portable music device

NOTE: Replace food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs once a year. Replace batteries and update clothes, etc.

My Personal Pack Checklist

Have children create their personal pack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during an emergency.

- ✓ Change of clothes
- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Favorite toy
- ✓ Paper, pencils and crayons



For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/disaster.
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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