

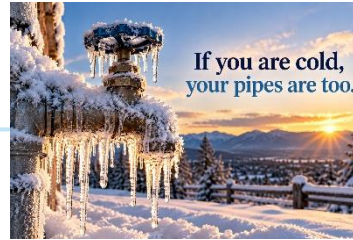


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Prevent Frozen Pipes This Winter

Know Where Your Water Shut-Off Valve Is

Know the location of your water shut-off valve and test it regularly. Doing so may prevent expensive water damage if a pipe breaks. It is usually located in the basement or crawl space, on a wall facing the street.

Winterize Your Sprinkler System

Turn off and drain automatic and manual sprinkler systems before the first freeze. Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them. Make sure the faucet and the outside portion of the pipes are fully drained. Please call the office if you need your individual sprinkler meter turned off for the winter.

Protect Your Outdoor Faucets

Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them. Make sure the faucet and the outside portion of the pipes are fully drained.

Insulate Vulnerable Pipes

Insulate pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems in the past.

Winterize Vacant Buildings

Winterize unheated or vacant buildings. Significant property damage can occur before burst pipes are discovered in vacant buildings.

If a Pipe Breaks

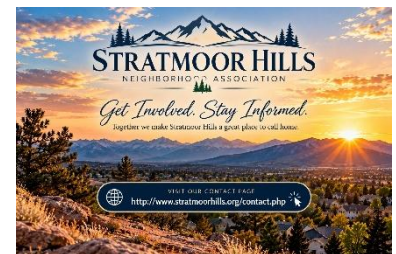
If you have a broken water pipe and you are unable to isolate it, please contact Stratmoor Hills Water at **719-576-0311**. A service representative will be happy to help at any time.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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It is important to call 811 before you dig, so you can avoid hitting any underground utilities, such as cables, wire or pipes. It is also the law to contact 811 before you dig.



OCTOBER 2026 BILLING DATES

Bills Mailed – Oct 5
Payments Due - Oct 15
Late Notices Mailed - Oct 16
Shut Off Payments Due - Oct 27
Shut Off Day - Oct 28
Meter Read Date - Oct 30

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

SEWER PROBLEMS

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

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Open House - Saturday, October 10, 2026 - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will have demonstrations of vehicle extrication, static displays from our neighboring Fire Departments, goodies for the kids and much more.

Our current Fire Fighter Academy will graduate on Saturday, October 17th

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun and spooky time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.
- **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in more than **800** reported home fires each year. Nearly one-third of these fires were started by a candle.

YOUR SOURCE FOR SAFETY INFORMATION
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Board elections are held in May of odd-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 Darren Adame at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 719-576-0311 or by e-mail at darren@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 719-576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@stratmoorhillsfire.com