## STRATMOOR NEWS

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# What is a Water Distribution System?

A water distribution system consists of pipelines, storage facilities, pumps, and other accessories.

Pipelines laid within public right of way called water mains are used to transport water within a distribution system. Large diameter water mains called primary feeders are used to connect between water treatment plants and service areas. Secondary feeders are connected between primary feeders and distributors. Distributors are water mains that are located near the water users, which also supply water to individual fire hydrants. A service line is a small diameter pipe used to connect from a water main through a small tap to a water meter at user's location. There is a service valve (also known as curb stop) on the service line located near street curb to shut off water to the user's location.





Storage facilities, or distribution reservoirs, provide clean drinking water storage (after required water treatment process) to ensure the system has enough water to service in response to fluctuating demands (service reservoirs), or to equalize the operating pressure (balancing reservoirs). They can also be temporarily used to serve fire fighting demands during a power outage.

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The Water District continues to seek funding opportunities for the betterment of the District. Recently, the Water District received a \$12,500 Grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for operational costs associated with PFAS removal at our new water treatment plant.

We have also applied for \$682,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding through El Paso County to rehabilitate our emergency interconnection with Colorado Springs Utilities. The interconnection is a valuable asset to the Water District incase of a major disruption in our distribution system.

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

Bills Mailed - August 3, 2022
Payments Due - August 15, 2022
Late Notices Mailed - JAugust 16, 2022
Shut Off Payments Due - August 23, 2022
Shut Off Day - August 24, 2022
Meter Read Date - August 31, 2022

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

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

#### **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**



Getting to know **YOUR** . . . **STRATMOOR HILLS Fire Department** 

Firefighter / EMTs are on duty 24 hours/day

You are not charged if they are called to your home to assist you

SHVFD does not transport to hospital – you choose method of transport

Will check blood pressure or vitals anytime at the Fire Station located on B Street, unless you are unable to come down here, we can and will come to your house.

We have most of our trainings on Thursday nights starting at 6:30 and some Saturdays.

Firefighters can come to your house to check your smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarm.

#### Security Fire Department Ambulance service-

Dispatched at the same time as the Firefighters are and are often in the house at the Fire Station, so response times are quicker. Always has a paramedic on board

#### If you call 9-1-1

Stay calm and answer the dispatcher's questions- he/she will tell you what to do until emergency personnel arrive.

If possible, put pets away – this is for safety of pets as well as emergency personnel

Injuries most often result from slips, trips, and falls over "stuff" out of place or in the way in your own home – ensure you have a safe pathway and uncluttered home.

Inform the 9-1-1 dispatcher if you have a "Knox Box" attached to your home – this allows the Fire Department to get into your home if you are unable to answer the door, not home for a structure fire / smoke detector sounding etc. If you are interested in knowing more about the Knox Box, please call the Fire Station Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Ensure that your address is clearly visible from the street and there is good lighting (at night) for the Firefighters and ambulance to find your home. This can be done for little cost but makes a big difference in the middle of the night when we cannot find your house.

It is common for people to wait too long to ask for help – delay in calling for help can make matters worse – a lady was injured but sat up all night in pain before calling for help at 6 am. She should have called much sooner and had a restful night

## **ADVANCE DIRECTIVES:**

If you or a loved one has a **DNR** (**Do Not Resuscitate**) order you **MUST** hand a copy to the Paramedic and/or EMT's when they arrive, or they have no choice but to begin life-saving procedures (if necessary). Word of mouth is NOT good enough; it MUST be in writing.

#### **INFORMATIONAL MAGNET AVAILABLE at Fire Station**

File of Life Magnet – These handy magnets have information about your medications, conditions, Dr's name and numbers, family names and numbers etc.

You put it on your refrigerator where it is handy in the event of an emergency

Can be given to emergency personnel or used at the hospital

Can be picked up at the Fire Station anytime and if you need more we can get more.

#### **ACCESS TO YOUR HOUSE:**

If we cannot get in through the front or garage door, we <u>WILL</u> use invasive measures, such as breaking a window or forcing the door only if necessary.

If you have a coded entry / garage door that information is only given to the Sheriff dispatch who will relay that information to the Firefighters to be used only during an emergency.

Stratmoor News is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kevin Niles, at 576-0311. The Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts are governed by an individual, elected Boards of Directors. Currently, the members for each of the three Boards are: Robert Colgrove—Chairperson/President, James Pesicka—Vice Chairperson/President, John Willcox—Secretary/Treasurer, Cynthia Dent—Director, and Richard Dull—Director.

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