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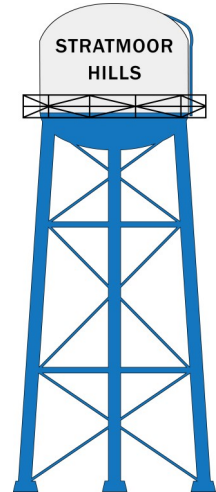
The Water & Sanitation Districts Seek New Manager

Although he was just hired in 2020, the District Manager of the Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts, Kevin Niles, has left to accept a position as Director of Utilities in Odessa, Texas, a growing community of over 110,000 people. Kevin came to Stratmoor Hills after serving as the General Manager for the Arkansas Groundwater User's Association (now the Arkansas Groundwater & Reservoir Association), which is headquartered in Pueblo. His last day in the office was Friday, June 23rd.

During his tenure, Mr. Niles kept the District moving forward in a number of ways, managing changes both in the field and administratively. His most significant accomplishment was overseeing the construction of the Water District's new water treatment plant, specifically designed to remove the Perfluorinated Compounds (PFC's) that had been previously identified in the Widefield Aquifer.



In anticipation of his leaving, the Board of Directors began the process of seeking a replacement for Mr. Niles on June 7th, with hopes that a new Manager will be on board by mid-September. Until a permanent Manager is selected, the District has retained the services of Steve Rabe, who will serve in a part-time, "interim" capacity and will also assist the Board in the hiring process. Mr. Rabe is familiar with Stratmoor Hills, having served in the interim position twice, once prior to Mr. Niles' arrival in 2020 subsequent the resignation of Kirk Medina as well as in 2015 after the retirement of long-time Manager Ralph Ravenscroft.




Reminder: Autopay is always an option and available to all our customers.

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- Next Door at www.nextdoor.com Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation District
- Important messages will also be posted on our website at www.stratmoorhillswater.org

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

Bills Mailed - July 6, 2023
Payments Due - July 14, 2023
Late Notices Mailed - July 17, 2023
Shut Off Payments Due - July 25, 2023
Shut Off Day - July 26, 2023
Meter Read Date - July 31, 2023

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

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.



Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ✓ When talking a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ✓ Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- ✓ Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- ✓ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.



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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 Steve Rabe at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at steve@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@stratmoorhillfire.com