

# STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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## Sewer Service

It is the Sanitation District's mission to always provide our customers with safe and reliable sewer services. There are two major components to providing sewer service; Wastewater Collection, and Wastewater Treatment.

### We have a Wastewater Collection System

When sewer collection systems are working properly, they usually go un-noticed. If there are problems, they need to be addressed immediately. To reduce sewer backups and prevent sanitary sewer overflows, staff performs routine maintenance and inspections on the sewer mains located in the street.

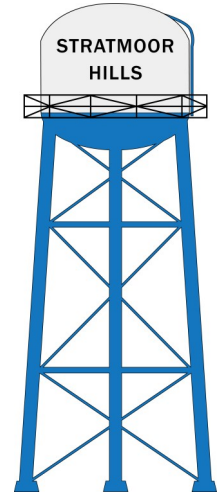
The maintenance involves using jet rodding equipment that scours the inside of the sewer mains removing any accumulated debris and sediment. Debris accumulates more quickly in areas where fats, oil and grease are prevalent. We encourage residents to dispose of these items in the garbage rather than down the drains. We also discourage the use of "flushable wipes". These products are not as biodegradable as advertised and they can lead to blockages in home plumbing.

Sewer inspections are done by using camera equipment (mounted on a small tractor) capable of traveling up and down the sewer mains. Inspections can identify potential blockages, tree root accumulation, cracks, and broken



The following are a few of the field services the district provides to our customers:

- Water pressure checks
- Water quality checks
- Water leak investigations (on and off property)
- Emergency water shut offs
- Sewer Main Inspections (when customer's experience plumbing backups)
- Water and Sewer main locates (Customer and 811 Requests)
- Water meter checks



See us on the website at: [stratmoorhillswater.org](http://stratmoorhillswater.org)

Education is not the Learning of Facts but the Training of the Mind to Think...

-Albert Einstein



During the fall, your lawn is basically on its way to toward winter dormancy. As its summer vibrance fades, it needs a little extra help to keep looking its best. Here are some helpful tips for maintaining your lawn with proper irrigation and care from September to late November.

- Lawn Irrigation
- Keep Mowing
- Tend to fallen leaves

Just because it's getting colder, it doesn't mean you don't need to use your lawn irrigation sprinklers. Fall is the perfect time for maintenance, repairs, and other general upkeep. We recommend getting a "fall blow-out" to prevent any damage during the winter.

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

***Bills Mailed - September 6, 2022***

***Payments Due - September 15, 2022***

***Late Notices Mailed - Sept 16, 2022***

***Shut Off Payments Due - Sept 27, 2022***

***Shut Off Day - September 28, 2022***

***Meter Read Date - September 30, 2022***

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

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.



**SAFETY WARNINGS for DRIVING / RIDING IN CAR:**

Sitting too close to the steering wheel is dangerous – may be life threatening. If the air bag deploys it can give you a bruise, break collar bone or cause serious burn injuries.

Having loose “stuff” in your car is DANGEROUS. In the event of a crash or rollover this “stuff” can hurt you – maybe severely.

Ensure you and your passengers are always wearing seatbelt properly because it is a proven fact that those individuals not seat belted in can become projectiles during a rollover accident.

If you use your mobile phone while driving use a “hands free” device will reduce distractions and allow you to focus on the traffic.

Never wear headphones or an ear plug while driving and try to avoid distractions such as changing out CD’s, going through wallet or purse etc.

**IF YOU SEE EMERGENCY VEHICLES BEHIND YOU:**

If you see an Ambulance, Fire Truck or Police Officer with lights and/or sirens on, please safely pull over to the right side of the road.

DO NOT PULL OUT INTO AN INTERSECTION – they will find a way to go around you so that everyone is safe as they do not want to cause another emergency.

**THE FIREFIGHTERS CANNOT:**

We cannot re-light your pilot light on your stove, water heater or furnace.

We cannot turn your gas back on once it has been turned off.

We cannot make any repairs or verify any repairs are correct and in proper working condition.

We cannot pump water out of basements or crawl spaces; however we can try to turn your water off in the event of a broken water line.

We do not certify Fire Extinguishers – you can find a company in the yellow pages.

We do not fill swimming pools

We have no control over your neighbor’s weeds, trash, or junk – Please call

El Paso County Code Enforcement at 719.520.6748 or 719.520.6300

We cannot cut down dead trees or clear bushes along creek beds or ravines.

While on occasion we will come rescue a cat in a tree, however we will not risk the Firefighter’s safety if we cannot reach the animal. Please call the Humane Society for help.

**OTHER OPTIONS**

**URGENT CARE AT CIRCLE SQUARE – billed by Memorial Hospital**

2767 Janitell Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
(719) 365-2888

Seven days a week: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Closed Major Holidays

Walk-Ins are accepted

Located behind McDonald’s, next to Kohls on South Circle Drive: Enter from Janitell Road

We are here to help you on your worst day and if you come across a problem that you need help with, please call us, maybe we can find the help you need.

We always welcome you at the Fire Station and enjoy your visits.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to call us at 719.576.1200

**If you have an emergency – Dial 9-1-1**

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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