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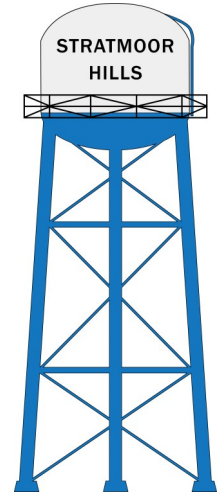
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People are flushing wipes down toilets – and this is causing dangerous problems.

Toilet paper is designed to disintegrate in our pipes and sewage systems, but flushable wipes are not. They're typically made with synthetic materials, plastics or polyester, that won't break down. So even if they flush down your toilet, they end up clogging our sewers. This poses hazardous risks to sewage professionals that must break these clogs up as well as considerable costs. Some cities have spent millions of dollars a year to address damages and clear the pipes.

So, why are wipes advertised as "flushable"?

You can attempt to flush many things down a toilet (if you have a child, perhaps you've seen the random stuff someone may put down the drain...) but that doesn't mean they'll effectively move through our sewage system. Companies can currently label wipes as "flushable" simply because they aren't restricted from doing so.



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stratmoorhillswater.org

No matter where you are digging, **Call 811** at least a few days before you start any digging project.



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

Use Facebook if You Want to Stay in the Know

If you have friends or family members that are very active on Facebook, or if you like to follow breaking news stories online, then connecting with those people and public pages is a great way to stay right on top of what's happening as it happens. The Water and Sanitation Districts use Facebook to communicate main breaks, outages, and weather delays or closures. Facebook is a convenient way to stay in "The Know" with District information. Facebook isn't for everyone, but it's certainly not a useless tool. When used for the right reasons, it can be an amazing platform used to connect with others, businesses, and educate yourself about various topics.

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

Bills Mailed - March 3, 2022

Payments Due - March 15, 2022

Late Notices Mailed - March 16, 2022

Shut Off Payments Due - March 29, 2022

Shut Off Day - March 30, 2022

Meter Read Date - March 31, 2022

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.



You may want to store up some extra sleep in the next few weeks because you are about to lose an hour of it.

Come Sunday, March 13th at 2 a.m. most of America will be “springing forward” as daylight saving time kicks in, giving us another hour of sunlight.

Here is a look at seven things you may not have known about daylight saving time.

1. “Spring forward and fall back” is an easy way to remember how to set the clock when daylight saving times begins and ends. You [set your clock forward](#) one hour at 2 a.m. on March 13th. You will set it back one hour at 2 a.m. on Nov. 6th.
2. In the United States, [daylight saving time began](#) on March 21, 1918. U.S. government officials reasoned that fuel could be saved by reducing the need for lighting in the home.
3. Ancient agrarian civilizations used a form of daylight-saving time, adjusting their timekeeping depending on the sun’s activity.
4. Many people call it daylight savings time. The official name is daylight saving time. No ‘s’ on ‘saving.’
5. Benjamin Franklin came up [with an idea to reset clocks](#) in the summer months as a way to conserve energy.
6. A standardized system of beginning and ending daylight saving time came in 1966 when [the Uniform Time Act](#) became law. While it was a federal act, states were granted the power to decide if they wanted to remain on standard time year-round.
7. Arizona (except for the Navajo, who do observe daylight saving time on tribal lands), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time.

NFPA ENCOURAGES TESTING SMOKE ALARMS AS DAYLIGHT

SAVING TIME BEGINS

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13th, at 2 a.m., when we spring forward one hour for the purpose of making better use of daylight. As we set our clocks ahead, the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) recommends testing your smoke alarms. Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms. When smoke alarms should have worked but failed to operate, it is usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead. NFPA provides the



following guidelines around smoke alarms:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Replace the smoke alarm immediately if it does not respond properly when tested.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, a warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

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, Dianne Cooper—Director, and Joseph Novak—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