



Running Springs Water District June 2018 Newsletter



The Running Springs Water District is providing this Newsletter to our customers as part of our public outreach effort to share information regarding the District’s ongoing activities, operations and services.

Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) Technology Upgrade Project

The Running Springs Water District (District) will be replacing all of its customer’s aging water meters this summer with new automatic meter reading (AMR) technology. The AMR project will improve water use efficiency, leak detection and eliminate the need for estimated snow billing or average billing. The District applied for and has received a funding agreement for the AMR project from the California State Water Resources Control Board, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Green Project Reserve that includes 50% principal forgiveness which is essentially equivalent to a \$400,000 grant. Crews will be performing the work this summer of 2018.

Pay your water and sewer bill online and view account information

The District has implemented a new utility billing system and customers can now go online to view their account information. Our new system allows customers to view their transaction history which includes their current balance due, make payments, view their water usage history comparing data for the previous two years, and view payment arrangements, contracts and deposits associated with their account. Customers are able to manage multiple accounts in one convenient location. There is a minimal processing fee for credit card payments. Use the following web address to register:

<http://www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com>

Click on the link to “View Account”
Click “Utility Billing” and “Register”.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)



Grease in sewer pipes causes sewer maintenance problems for property owners and the District. Never put grease, oil or fatty foods in your sink, drain or toilet and try to use your garbage disposal less.

Please Think Before You Flush!

Basically, the only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. Here is a list of some things to keep out of the toilet:

- automotive fluids
- baby wipes & disposable diapers
- bandages & bandage wrappings
- cleaning wipes of any kind
- condoms
- cotton balls & swabs
- facial tissue
- mini or maxi pads
- paint, solvents, sealants & thinners
- poisons & hazardous waste
- sanitary napkins
- tampons & tampon applicators
- unused medications

Water Conservation

The Running Springs Water District is encouraging our customers to continue to voluntarily limit outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water to two or three days per week.



Please visit SaveOurH2O.org to find out how everyone can do their part, and visit Drought.CA.Gov to learn more about how California is dealing with the effects of the drought.

All Californians are expected to stop: washing down driveways and sidewalks; watering of outdoor

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landscapes that cause excess runoff; using a hose to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle; and using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated. The regulation makes an exception for health and safety circumstances.

Ten Outdoor Water Conservation Tips To Save Water And Lower Your Monthly Bill

1. Do not over water your plants. More plants die from over watering than from under watering. Make sure the soil is dry several inches down near the base of the plant before watering.
2. Deep soak each time you water. Watering deeply creates a healthy root system that is better equipped to withstand drought and heat.
3. Cut back on watering when runoff occurs. Allow moisture to soak into the ground by lowering the duration of watering.
4. Use watering cans whenever possible, especially when watering just a few patio plants. Watering with a hose may actually put more water on the patio than in the containers as you move from plant to plant.
5. Water early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cool and winds are calm.
6. Check hose connections for leaks and repair them promptly.
7. Adjust your sprinklers so water is aimed directly at plants rather than driveways, fences or the street.
8. Install a drip irrigation system or soaker hose around trees and shrubs.
9. Using mulch around plants and trees will greatly slow the evaporation of water from the soil.
10. Grow drought tolerant plants, many which can survive with less than an inch of water per week, once established.

Please visit the District's website at:
<http://www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com/>
for more information on water conservation.

Fire Safety

With below normal precipitation this past wet season, the fire season is anticipated to begin much earlier. Unfortunately, the dry conditions will only worsen and lead to a higher fire threat. It is critical that homeowners are prepared for wildfires and remember "Ready, Set, Go!". Homeowners looking for more information on "Ready, Set, Go!" and on

how to prepare themselves, their families and their homes for wildfire can visit:

www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Annual Weed Abatement

The Running Springs Fire Department will begin their inspections for the annual weed abatement program in June 2018. Please do your part in ensuring that your property has met the requirements of the Fire Department. You can obtain additional information regarding guidelines for weed abatement at www.runningspringsfd.org or by calling 909-867-2630.

Water & Sewer Availability Billing

Just as a reminder, the District's annual Water and Sewer Availability billing for unimproved property will be mailed out the beginning of May 2018 and will be due no later than July 1, 2018. If payment is not received by July 1, 2018, the delinquent bills will be placed on the San Bernardino County property tax roll.

For more information regarding District functions and activities, please visit the District's websites at:

www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com
www.runningspringsfd.org

or contact the District office by phone at 909-867-2766, or by mail at P.O. Box 2206, Running Springs, CA, 92382. In addition, we hold public Board Meetings at 9:00 a.m. on every third Wednesday of the month at our District Office located at 31242 Hilltop Blvd. (Highway 18) in Running Springs. Members of the public are always invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Please provide your email address on your next bill if you would like to receive District information by email.

The District accepts credit card payments in person at the main office. Credit, debit card or electronic check payments may also be made online at: <https://ipn.paymentus.com/otp/std/rswd> or by calling Paymentus at 877-506-3112. There is a processing fee for credit card payments.

"The Mission of the Running Springs Water District is to provide water, fire, emergency medical service, sewer, and other beneficial services to the community: The goal of the District shall be to do so with the highest level of integrity and ethical principles and in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible."