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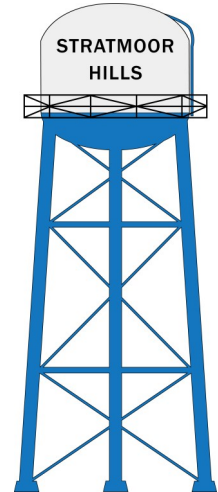
Summer Watering Tips

It's been a hot summer and the district's water usage has gone up as a result. The following tips can help reduce water usage at your home. In the Colorado Springs area, it is recommended that lawns be watered three (3) days per week during the summer months. This can vary depending on weather and soil conditions so it may be necessary to check the root zone periodically using a spade or trowel. If the ground is still moist two inches under the soil surface, you probably have enough water. The following tips can also be used to ensure you are watering efficiently:



Adjust sprinklers to prevent water from spraying on non-landscaped areas including the sidewalk or street.

- Water in the morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- If water runs off of your lawn easily, split your watering times into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Try to avoid planting grass on sloped areas as water will run off quickly.
- Keep in mind that shaded or protected areas may need less water than other zones.
- You may want to adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds moisture better than short grass.



See us on the website at:
stratmoorhillswater.org



**STORM WATER RUNOFF
ENDS UP IN OUR
STREAMS AND RIVERS**



Water Efficient Landscaping

There are many water efficient plants that grow well in our climate. The Colorado Springs Utilities Conservation and Environmental Center, 2855 Mesa Road, provides many examples of Xeriscape landscaping options. They are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am through 5 pm. You are also welcome to visit the garden in the evenings and weekends; however, staff are not available during these times.

If you have a landscaping project that is impacted by the location of your water meter box, please contact the Stratmoor Hills Water District office at 719-576-0311 and we can assist in raising or lowering it.

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

Bills Mailed - August 5, 2024

Payments Due - August 15, 2024

Late Notices Mailed - August 16, 2024

Shut Off Payments Due - August 27, 2024

Shut Off Day - August 28, 2024

Meter Read Date - August 30, 2024

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.



Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when backing to evacuate.



FACT

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



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Board elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Board meetings are typically 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 Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com