
STRATMOOR NEWS

Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

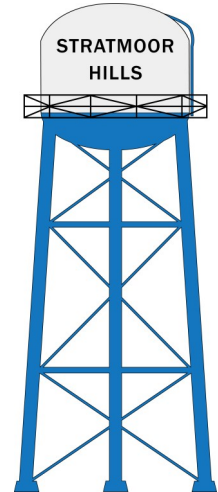
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Cold Weather Tips

The following tips can help you avoid problems when temperatures drop below freezing:

- Know the location of your water shut off valve and test it regularly. Doing so may prevent expensive water damage if a pipe breaks. It is usually located in the basement or crawl space, on a wall facing the street.
- Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them. Make sure the faucet and the outside portion of the pipes are fully drained.
- Insulate pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before.
- Winterize unheated or vacant buildings. Significant property damage can occur before burst pipes are discovered in vacant buildings.
- If you have a broken water pipe and you are unable to isolate it, please contact our office at: 719-576-0311 and a service representative will be happy to provide assistance at any time.



See us on the website at:
stratmoorhillswater.org



The District Office will be closed on the following Holidays in 2024:

Veterans Day - Monday, November 11th

Thanksgiving - November 28th and 29th

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th

2024 Food and Toy Drive

Stratmoor Hills Water District will begin accepting non-perishable food items and toy donations for families of the Stratmoor Hills Community from November 6, 2024 through December 16, 2024.

Stratmoor Hills Water will have donation boxes in our lobby area and will accept donations during normal business hours Monday—Friday 8 am to 5 pm.



BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

Bills Mailed - November 5, 2024

Payments Due - November 15, 2024

Late Notices Mailed - November 18, 2024

Shut Off Payments Due - November 26, 2024

Meter Read Date - November 27, 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.



Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



Join us for our Annual Toy Drive and help bring a smile to a child this Christmas Season. The Firefighters at your fire station are collecting new or used toys for Christmas Unlimited. Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Station in the box in the front lobby.

Stratmoor News is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kirk Medina, 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, Cindy Dent—Director, and Richard Dull—Director.

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 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