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# STRATMOOR NEWS

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## Water-wise Rules

Although the Stratmoor Hills Water District does not have current water restrictions in place, we ask that each resident follow Colorado Springs Utilities Water Wise Program.

Water-wise rules help us all to responsibly use a limited resource. After all, we're a growing community in a semi-arid climate. And, we've learned that we can maintain vibrant, healthy landscapes in our community with responsible watering practices.

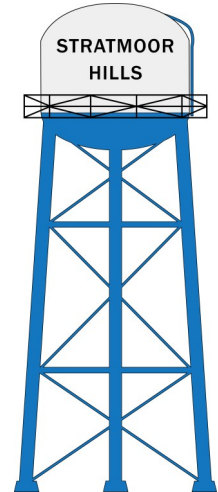
We support using water wisely across our region, state and community. We're committed to working together to account for shrinking water supplies, climate variability and a booming population.

Implementing water-wise rules is one way we can responsibly and efficiently use water for the benefit of our community, neighbors and our rivers.

### 6 Key Water-wise Rules

1. You may water up to three days a week. You choose the days.
2. From May 1 to Oct. 15, water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to reduce evaporation.
3. Don't let water pool on hard surfaces or flow down gutters.
4. Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
5. Use a shut-off nozzle when washing anything with a hose.
6. Clean hard surfaces (such as driveways, sidewalks and patios) with water only if there is a public health and safety concern.

<https://www.csu.org/Pages/WaterWiseRules.aspx>



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

The Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts Office will be closed Monday June 20, 2022 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.



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

***Bills Mailed - June 3, 2022***

***Payments Due - June 15, 2022***

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

***Shut Off Payments Due - June 28, 2022***

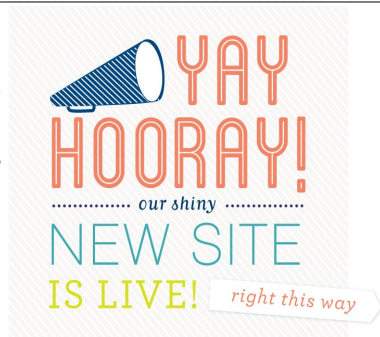
***Shut Off Day - June 29, 2022***

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

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

Please visit our newly designed website for the most recent updates and information regarding the Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts.

<https://stratmoorhillswater.org/>



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.



# A Firewise Home

## FIREWISE LANDSCAPING

### 1. Home Ignition Zone

Keep leaves and needles off your roof and deck. Create a fuel-free area within 3-5 feet of your home's perimeter. From 5 feet to a minimum of 30 feet out, thin and space vegetation, remove dead leaves and needles, prune shrubs and tree limbs. Keep areas around decks, sheds, fences and swing sets clear of debris and vegetation.

### 2. Landscaping and Firewise Plants

To prevent fire spread, trim back branches that overhang structures and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes; make sure organic mulch is at least 5 feet from structures. Choose Firewise plants – find lists at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) or from your local Cooperative Extension service.

## BE PREPARED

### 3. Disaster Plan

Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets, large animals and livestock. Program cell phones with emergency numbers. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a pre-designated meeting place. Have tools such as a shovel, rake, axe, handsaw, or chainsaw available, and maintain an emergency water source. Always leave if you feel unsafe – don't wait to be notified.

### 4. Emergency Responder Access

Identify your home and neighborhood with legible, clearly marked street names and numbers. Make your driveway at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet and a slope of less than 5 percent to provide access to emergency vehicles.

## FIREWISE CONSTRUCTION

### 5. Fire-Resistant Roof Construction

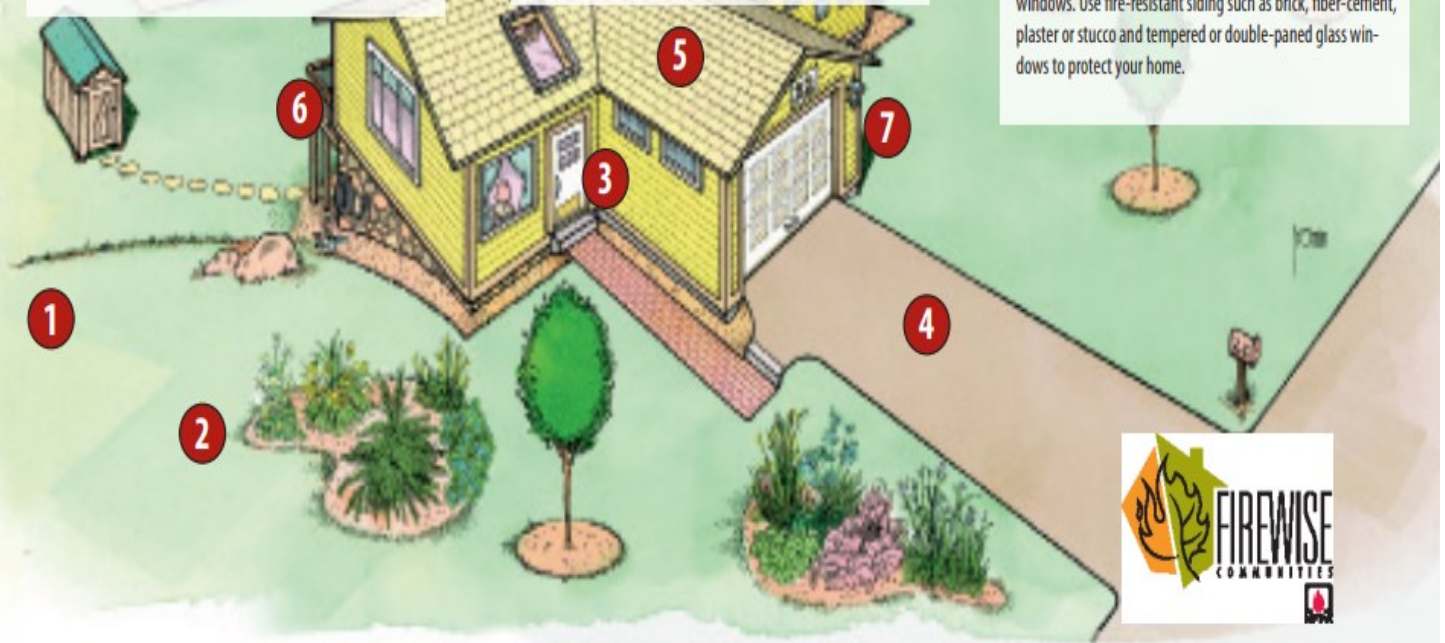
Use fire-rated shingles such as asphalt, metal, slate, clay tile or concrete products. A fire-resistant sub-roof adds protection. Box in eaves, but provide adequate ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

### 6. Fire-Resistant Attachments

Any attachments to your home such as decks, porches, and fences must be fire-resistant. If not, your entire home is vulnerable to ignition.

### 7. Fire-Resistant Walls and Windows

Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster or stucco and tempered or double-paned glass windows to protect your home.



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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](mailto:kevin@stratmoorhillswater.org) or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at [mail@shvfd.com](mailto:mail@shvfd.com)