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# STRATMOOR NEWS

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## 2018—A Year for Capital Improvements

The Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation District's have included significant enhancements to the Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) in 2018.

Much of our system is now 50 to 60 years old and it is approaching the end of its life expectancy. We are now being pro-active by scheduling the replacement of water and sewer infrastructure before it reaches a point of failure.

With over 20 miles of water main in our system, the Water District has determined that 2,000 feet of water main (roughly 2%) needs to be replaced each year to ensure our system remains reliable.

The majority of our water meters are now over 10 years old and we will replace any that fail with newer, more efficient units that are compatible with our current Automated Meter Reading technology.

The Sanitation District is focusing on upgrading its largest sewage lift station in 2018 and will add a containment structure capable of handling up to 24 hours of flow. This will help prevent potential sanitary sewer overflows in the future.

In 2019, the Sanitation District will begin replacing or lining 2,000 feet of sewer main each year to ensure it remains reliable for years to come.

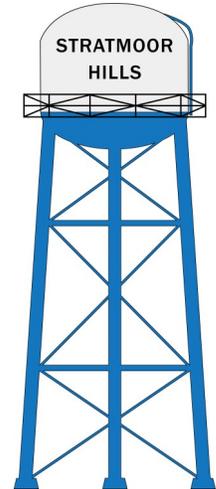


## Rate Increase Explained on Web Site

Many factors were considered when determining the need for a 10% water and 5% sewer rate increase that will go into effect on February 1, 2018.

A key factor is the cost to replace aging infrastructure. This cost alone, nearly doubled the Capital Improvement Program costs from previous years. This is an expense that will continue indefinitely and reserve funds would be depleted quickly without adjusting revenues.

Other rate increase considerations have been posted on the District website and at the District Office.



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

**DO NOT DISPOSE OF OIL AND GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN**



**THIS CAN LEAD TO COSTLY SEWER BLOCKAGES**

From all of us here at Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts we *thank you*, our residents, for sharing this holiday season. Your contributions helped nine families have a bountiful Thanksgiving & your toy & food donations helped four families (eleven children) have a blessed Christmas.

**You are truly inspiring!**

**We look forward to serving you in 2018!**

## **BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)**

***Bills Mailed - January 5, 2018***

***Payments Due - January 16, 2018***

***Late Notices Mailed - January 17, 2018***

***Shut Off Day - January 24, 2018***

***Meter Read Date - January 31, 2018***

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.**



## Prevention and safety messages to share

### Make an escape plan

It is important to have a plan when there are children in the home. Children sometimes need help getting out of the house and they may not know how to escape or what to do unless an adult shows them.

- **Have a plan for young children who cannot get outside by themselves.** You will need to wake babies and very young children and help them get out. In your plan, talk about who will help each child get out safely.
- **Know two ways out of every room.** It is important to find two ways out of every room in the house, in case one exit is blocked or dangerous to use.
- **Choose a meeting place outside the home.** Children should know what to do when they hear a smoke alarm and there is no adult around. Help them practice going to the outside meeting place. Teach them to never go back inside a building that is on fire.

### Keep children safe from fire and burns

Some children are curious about fire. There are simple steps you can take to keep you and the people you love safer from fire and burns.

- **Keep children 3 feet away from anything that can get hot.** Space heaters and stove-tops can cause terrible burns. Keep children at least 3 feet away from stoves, heaters or anything that gets hot.
- **Keep smoking materials locked up in a high place.** Never leave cigarette lighters or matches where children can reach them.
- **Never play with lighters or matches when you are with your children.** Children may try to do the same things they see you do.

### Websites to visit for more information about Fire Safety:

[www.firesafetyforkids.org](http://www.firesafetyforkids.org)

[www.firefacts.org](http://www.firefacts.org)

<https://www.safekids.org/fire>

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/children.html>

[www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org)

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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 Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at [kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org](mailto:kirk@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)