

STRATMOOR NEWS

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AUTO-PAY NOW AVAILABLE



Along with our other payment features, our customers now have the option to auto-pay their water/sewer bills.

Your registered account with Stratmoor Hills Water & Sanitation can be used to view your statements, usage history and/or update contact information.

When registering your account at our payment center you will have the option to save payment information, pay your bill, view payment and billing history and/or set up your account for auto-pay.

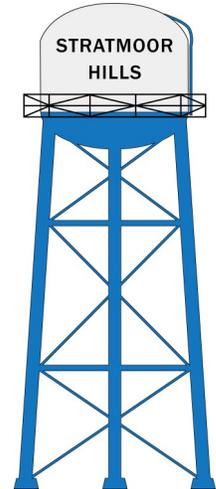
**If you set up your account to auto-pay it will pull your full account balance on due date each month. If you need assistance registering please call the office at 719-576-0311.



XERISCAPE LANDSCAPING

Now that Spring has arrived, many of us will take on projects to enhance our yards. This is a great time to convert to Xeriscape landscaping. Xeriscape is defined as an attractive, sustainable landscape that conserves water.

Xeriscape planning can get very involved, and it is best to check with a nursery or landscape professional to determine what plants are best suited for your application. Another great resource for xeriscape planning is the Colorado Springs Utilities website or their Conservation & Environmental Center located at 2855 Mesa Road.



See us on the website at: stratmoorhillswater.org

PLANNING TO DO ANY DIGGING THIS SPRING?



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP – APRIL 21, 2018

Pikes Peak Partners is hosting a community-wide cleanup event on April 21, 2018. In 2017, over 900 volunteers collected 1,700 bags of trash at local parks, trails, creeks, roads, and town centers.

We are pleased to announce that they will conduct a Stratmoor Valley Trailhead/Park cleanup again this year. Volunteers will meet on Saturday, April 21st at 9 am at the trailhead. **To volunteer**, individuals / groups are encouraged to register at www.gacppp.com. Please note that this event involves picking up trash in public areas only and dumpsters will not be provided.



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

Bills Mailed - April 5, 2018

Payments Due - April 16, 2018

Late Notices Mailed - April 17, 2018

Shut Off Payments Due - April 24, 2018

Shut Off Day - April 25, 2018

Meter Read Date - April 30, 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.



Spring Safety Tips for the Community

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, the residents of **Stratmoor Hills** are emerging from their winter cocoons to focus on long-neglected projects like spring cleaning, home repairs, and yard work. Many are also lacing up their shoes for their first outdoor walk or jog of the season. These activities can be extremely beneficial, but they also involve a variety of health and safety hazards that can be avoided with the proper precautions.



As we clean up around the homestead after a long winter, we should think about how we can create a Firewise home and landscape, not only focusing on the vegetation surrounding our home, but also the “human treasure” that we simply cannot seem to get rid of. We all know that someday we might need these items. Many of these treasures, such as old tires, leftover wood, sofas and other furniture items and papers can contribute to debris piles often located near the home. This creates a scenario where we have put kindling around the home that will make it easier to ignite if there is a wildfire. Make sure the items that you are storing do have value. Hoarding items outside can be just as hazardous as hoarding excess items inside. If you choose to keep these items, do not store them next to the home or under the deck, rather put them in the garage or in an enclosed shed.

Even such things as open garbage cans under the eaves, flammable attachments such as trellises with dead vines, coco rattan door mats, and patio cushions can create hazardous conditions for a home during a wildfire event. Make sure that your garbage cans have lids and are not located under the eaves of your home. Use nonflammable attachments and remove all dead vegetation away from your home. If you are going to be away from your home, take door mats and patio cushions inside.

Cleaning for Safety — Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds, and garages over the winter. The following tips should be followed to help create a safer environment around your home:

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children’s reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.
- When cleaning up hazardous chemicals wear rubber gloves and follow the safety direction on the packaging. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you don’t know how to dispose of them, seek outside advice. Never put them into the trash or pour down the drain.
- Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.
- Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floors.
- Clean up work areas. Keep dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, or other work items away from children’s reach.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks, and be sure to store any propane tanks away from your house and garage.
- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers, and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters, and dryer, as well as under the stairs.

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: Dianne Cooper—Chairperson/President, Tom Wehrkamp—Vice Chairperson/President, Wally Mosher—Secretary/Treasurer, Joey Sanderson—Director, and Gretchen Kasameyer—Director.

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 or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com