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WATER NEWS

When to Call a Plumber – When to Call Us

When you see water pooling or sewage backing up, it can be hard to know who to call. And if it's an emergency, it's important to know when you should call a plumber or us. Here are a few tips to help you decide.

If you suspect there's a water leak in your home or if you have a sewage backup due to clogged internal pipes, then it's probably time to call a plumber. But, if you notice a water geyser or water pooling and you suspect the water is coming from underground water or sewage pipes, call us immediately and let us know. That's why we have an emergency phone number that's answered 365 days a year, 24/7. For more information about how to find and fix leaks, visit our website: www.ppwsd.org.

Avoid Frozen Pipes

When the weather turns cold – it's time to winterize. Be sure to turn off irrigation systems and blow out irrigation lines with air. Disconnect hoses and store them. Taking these steps will ensure a safe transition into the colder temperatures. Below are some tips on how to manage water during the winter months.

- Protect pipes exposed to cold air with insulation
- Seal any openings that allow cold air inside your home
- Properly shutdown the irrigation systems
- Remove, drain and store all water hoses
- Keep the temperature inside your home set to above 55 degrees



Don't Forget!

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm at the District's office. The public is always welcome.

How Does Your Monthly Water Usage Compare?

For the months of August and September, the average Perry Park household consumed about 7,000 gallons per month. So for the two-month billing period, most households used 14,000 gallons of water for a cost of about \$21.12 per month for water usage.*

**This does not include the monthly sewer fees or fixed based rates for water.*



Just Because it Fits - Doesn't Mean it Flushes!



Personal wipes and hygiene items that aren't trashed are wreaking havoc on the community's wastewater system. Human waste and toilet paper should be the only thing going down your toilets. Personal hygiene items, (sanitary products, paper towels, diapers, sweeper pads, baby wipes and facial tissues, etc.), should always be put into a trash. In fact, flushing anything but pee, poop and toilet paper (3 P's) down the toilet can cause pumps and screens to become clogged. When this happens, at a minimum

screens and pumps must be manually cleaned and in worst case scenarios, the damage done to expensive pumping equipment requires equipment replacement and the expense of hiring specialized contractors in wastewater equipment installation and maintenance. These unnecessary expenses cost every property owner in the District.

That's because everything that is flushed, runs through the garbage disposal, or flows down the drain, must go through the homeowner's sewage pipes, through sewer main pipelines, sometimes through lift stations and then into the wastewater treatment plant. Some pollutants, such as wipes, can seriously disrupt the wastewater treatment process itself, potentially resulting in permit violations. Remember when it comes to your sewage pipelines and the community's wastewater treatment plant, that only the 3P's should be flushed. All other items can clog the system causing sewage backups and overflows, while others items that don't break down need to be manually removed prior to wastewater treatment.

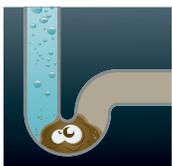
Money Saving Tips for All Washers

Even if you're not ready for a water-efficient washing machine or you already have one, there are money saving tip for protecting your clothes and your wallet.

- Use cold water when possible
- All washing machines are most efficient when fully loaded.
- Pre-treat stains to avoid the need to re-wash your clothes.



Avoid the Holiday FOG CLOG!



Did you know cooking grease being poured down drains is a major cause of smelly, unhealthy, and costly sewer back-ups? In fact, fats, oils and grease (FOG) account for most sewer blockages and overflows. Whether it's an 8-inch diameter residential line that extends out to the sewer main or the 3-foot diameter sewer main, FOGs can accumulate and block them all. That's why it's always important, especially during the holidays, to recognize all the foods that can cause a backup. For more information visit: PPWSD.org.

*Have a Happy and Clog-Free Holiday Season from all of us at
Perry Park Water & Sanitation District*

PPWSD Payment Options

For your convenience, there are multiple bill payment options for our customers. You can pay by mail, drop your payment in the District's Drop Box, or you can pay in person during regular business hours. You can also sign up for Auto-Pay (electronic bill payment). For a nominal fee of \$5.95, you can also pay with a credit card using the District's website.

Silent Leaks Speak Volumes

Water leaks account for over ten percent of all indoor water use in the average American home, and the toilet is one of the most likely places to find them. Sometimes it is easy to tell that your toilet is leaking - you hear the sound of running water or a faint hissing or trickling. But many times, water flows through the tank silently, which is why these leaks are often overlooked.

How to check your toilet for leaks:

- Remove the toilet tank lid.
- Drop one dye tablet or 10 drops of food coloring into the tank.
- Put the lid back on. Do not flush.
- Wait 10-15 minutes. If you see colored water in the bowl, you have a leak.

Stay in the Know

If you haven't done so already, register your email and phone number with us by visiting our website or calling us.



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