

## **Running Springs Water District**

### **May 2011 District Newsletter**

We are providing this Newsletter to our customers in an effort to share information regarding the District's ongoing activities, operations and services.

#### **Forest Festival 2011**

The Running Springs Water District (RSWD) will be participating in the Forest Festival Event that will be held on June 4, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located at the Brulte Baseball field in Running Springs. Please come by and visit RSWD Representatives who will be distributing informational materials regarding the District and to assist you with any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Credit Card, Debit Card, and Electronic Check payments**

The District is pleased to announce that we are now accepting credit card, debit card, and electronic checks through the Paymentus Corporation. You may now pay your Water/Sewer bill, Availability bill, and Ambulance bill via our website at [www.runningspringswd.com](http://www.runningspringswd.com). If you would like to pay your bill by phone please call 1-877-506-3112. There is a flat fee issued by the Paymentus Corporation for utilizing the system. Just as a reminder the District Office is still unable to process your electronic payments in the office.

#### **Preventing Clogs in the Sewer System**

A common cause of sewage backups are handy wipes. The flushing of handy wipes, wet naps, and sanitation products can cause immovable clogs in the sewer pipelines. The normal flow of sewage drains in one direction from your residence, to the main line, and onto the Treatment facility. If a clog occurs, the sewage will then switch directions and can backup into residences. Not only can it clog the District's sewer mains but the customer's as well. If your sewer service main clogs, it can result in expensive cleanup and can even cause flooding.

Not only can the non-biodegradable products clog the sewer mains, but they can also cause damage to the District's Lift Station pumps. This damage increases maintenance costs and interrupts the process of trying to keep the maintenance and repair costs low.

Many of the handy wipe companies claim that they are flushable however, most wipes do not degrade. A good way to find out if the handy wipes you are

thinking of flushing are degradable is to get a bowl of water and place a wipe into it. Check on it in an hour and see if it has dissolved. If it is still intact, then you would not want to flush that down your sewer lines. Please only flush toilet paper and throw the handy wipes, wet naps, and sanitation products away. If everyone does their part, we all can aid the District in keeping an affordable sewer collections system.

**Ten Outdoor Water Conservation Tips to save water and lower your monthly bill**

1. Do not over water your plants. More plants die from over watering than from under watering. Make sure the soil is dry several inches down near the base of the plant before watering.
2. Deep soak each time you water. Watering deeply creates a healthy root system that is better equipped to withstand drought and heat.
3. Cut back on watering when runoff occurs. Allow moisture to soak into the ground by lowering the duration of watering.
4. Use watering cans whenever possible, especially when watering just a few patio plants. Watering with a hose may actually put more water on the patio than in the containers as you move from plant to plant.

5. Water early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cool and winds are calm.

6. Check hose connections for leaks and repair them promptly.

7. Adjust your sprinklers so water is aimed directly at plants rather than driveways, fences or the street.

8. Install a drip irrigation system or soaker hose around trees and shrubs.

9. Using mulch around plants and trees will greatly slow the evaporation of water from the soil.

10. Grow drought tolerant plants, many which can survive with less than an inch of water a week once established.

*For more information regarding District functions and activities, please contact the District office by phone at (909) 867-2766, or by mail at P.O. Box 2206, Running Springs, CA, 92382. In addition, we hold public Board Meetings at 9:00 am on every third Wednesday of the month at our District Office located at 31242 Hilltop Blvd (Highway 18) in Running Springs.*

***The Mission of the Running Springs Water District is to provide water, fire, emergency medical service, sewer, and other beneficial services to the community: The goal of the District shall be to do so with the highest level of integrity and ethical principles and in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible.***