

WATERWORKS

Hallsdale-Powell Utility District Customer Newsletter

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Spruce Up Your Sprinkler System and Save!

When it comes to an irrigation system, a little maintenance goes a long way. Before you ramp up your spring watering for your lawn or garden, spruce up your irrigation system by remembering these four steps.

Inspect. Check your system for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads.

Connect. Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes/hoses. If water is pooling in your landscape or you have large soggy areas, you could have a leak in your system.



Direct. Are you watering your sidewalk, instead of your lawn? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.

Select. Update your system's schedule with the seasons, or use a smart controller to take the guesswork out of scheduling.

Learn more about maintaining a water-smart landscape, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

IN THE WORKS

Dry Gap Sewer Overflow Tank



Construction of the five million gallon (5 MG) Dry Gap Sewer Overflow Storage Tank, located on Dry Gap Pike near Brickey-McCloud Elementary, is well underway. In addition to the 5 MG tank, the project also includes a 36-inch diameter gravity sewer, a pump station, electrical building and appurtenances. Construction began on August 24, 2015 and is expected to be completed before the end of 2016. The Project Engineer(s) are Robert G. Campbell and Associates (RCG&A) and the Prime Contractor is J. Cumby Construction, Inc.

These structures are typically used to temporarily store rain-water and wastewater during heavy rain events as a way to eliminate chronic sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). They can also be used to divert normal wastewater during repairs or line break emergencies. The Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) issued HPUD a Consent Order in August 2014 that requires the HPUD to eliminate SSOs within the next ten years.

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Stay Connected!



In an effort to keep our HPUD customers up to date and provide communication in a timely manner, please be sure to keep your current e-mail address on file with us, as well as any changes to your personal information such as phone number, address, etc.

Have you checked out our website? Visit www.hpud.org for information about your utility services and other information, such as our various payment options.

You can also call (865) 922-7547 and speak to any Customer Service Representative.





Avoid Cross Connections!

A cross connection is an actual or potential connection between a potable water supply and any non-potable substance or source. Possible sources of cross connections can be irrigation systems, water hoses, sprinkler systems or any potential connection that could contaminate the drinking water supply.

If you have a connection like these, you are required to have and to maintain a backflow prevention device on your water-line. This device prevents water from back siphoning (flowing

backward) from your plumbing into the public water system.

Each backflow device is required to be tested annually by a state certified tester and backflow devices on sprinkler systems are required to be tested biannually (twice a year). Hallsdale Powell Utility District (HPUD), or a state certified contractor authorized through HPUD, will test your backflow device at the appropriate time throughout the year. There is a \$45 charge for each backflow preventer test.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping HPUD to meet regulatory requirements and protect our potable water supply. For more information, please call 865-922-7547 or visit us online @www.hpud.org.

Upcoming Rate Changes

The HPUD Board of Commissioners and staff, with assistance from Raftellis Financial Consultants and the District's accountant, have worked diligently over the past several months to develop a new budget, rate model and fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2017 (2016 - 2017). The Board approved the FY 2017 budget and fee schedule on March 7, 2016.

Water rates for an average residential household (who uses~ 4,000 gallons per month) will change by approximately

4% (~\$1.62 per month) and wastewater rates will change by approximately 6% (~\$2.84 per month). Increases in rates and fees are necessary to fund improvements to water and wastewater infrastructure, support day-to-day operations and maintenance, and enable the District to meet current and future regulations from the State and EPA. The District does not receive monies, subsidies or taxes from state, local or federal governments, so rates must support all infrastructure improvements, upgrades, and replacements.

Wastewater Rates

2014 - 2025 To Fund ACT Now Program

