

San Simeon Community Services District



October – December 2014

NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter: October 27, 2014

Well Water Update

Each year our Community relies on rain water to replenish the aquifer with fresh water. The drought California is experiencing is having a significant impact on San Simeon's drinking water quality. Due to lack of rain our Well Water is showing elevated levels of chloride. Currently chloride levels are at 600mg/L only through extensive use of a backup Well. For some individuals chloride may be a dietary issue. Please consult with your physician as necessary to address any concerns. As an alternative, consider using bottled water for drinking and cooking.

We have been using the emergency Well (Well 3) to blend down the chloride content. Staff is also reviewing different options to address the chloride levels on a more permanent basis. With little funds, the District is reaching out to other Agencies that are currently offering Grants to assist us with our funding needs. We will keep you updated.

Do You Know Where Your Recycled Water Comes From? Get First Hand Information!

Are you curious about the Recycled Water? We are offering a tour at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to observe the Recycled Water Equipment. Learn the process and ask questions. Have firsthand information. Even though you are not watering with the recycled water on your property, you can still receive the Recycled Water training. Please call the office for more information on the Plant at 927-4778.

F.O.G.s And How It Affects You

What is F.O.G? Well we are not talking about the white fluffy stuff that comes in from the ocean and keeps us cool. F.O.G. stands for Fats, Oils, and Grease. F.O.G is the main cause of sewer line blockage. F.O.G also makes it harder for your Waste Water Treatment Plant to perform well. When grease is poured down the drain, the potential for a major backup to your own system is increased. When everyone is doing it, it causes a major backup in the whole District System. When you hear of other Districts and Cities that have sewer backups in their streets, 9 times out of 10 it is because of F.O.G. Here in San Simeon, Staff cleans the sewer lines every year in effort to avoid F.O.G related problems. But that doesn't mean that when we do perform the cleaning that we don't see F.O.G build up in our systems.

It is important to wipe out the grease from the pans and throw the content in the trash prior to washing. Put the excess grease in a can. Once it has cooled down, throw it in the trash. These two simple steps will help keep your system from becoming blocked as well as protect the whole District System. Other problems relating to backups at the plant and/or your home are items that are flushed down the toilet that are not appropriate for that purpose. Please remember, your toilet is not a trash can. Please do not flush feminine products, rags or cat litter down the toilet. Please share this information with your family, the backup avoided may be your own.

Drought Times Are Proactive Times

It is important during this dry season to water watch at home. Leaky faucets and running toilets are a huge waste of water and money. If you plan on leaving for a long period of time or if you are a vacation owner, turn your water off at the meter. That way, no matter what faucet or toilet was left open or if a leak develops, water will not be wasted and you will not come home to a huge bill. If you need assistance figuring out where to shut off your water, or if you think you have a leak, please call the District Office. We can assist you with leak detection or water waste prevention.

Even though it is not weed abatement time, it is still important that you keep all trash, debris and weeds clear from around your home. The extended drought and above average temperature is keeping vegetation dry making it susceptible to fire. It is more important than ever to keep all fire hazards clear from around your home.

Beautification Award

It is that time of year. Have you noticed improvements from the commercial properties? Who has done the best job at cleaning up or representing the Community of San Simeon? San Simeon did an outstanding job during the Scare Crow Festival don't you think? Please fill out the voting sheet included in this month's billing and return with your next bill. Your vote is important.

New District Office Hours

To better serve our community, we will be posting office hours Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, unless Staff is attending a County meeting or required trainings. As always, you can call the Alarm Service at 805-546-3612, and a Staff member will be located for you if you need assistance outside of this time frame. If you need to make a cash payment before or after hours, please call the office and we will try to accommodate you. Don't forget, Hablamos Esano!



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***** Next San Simeon CSD *****

**Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
Cavalier Ballroom
6:00 PM**