



Rosamond Community Services District

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Be Sewer Safe

Sewers are the unsung heroes of modern sanitation. Quickly, quietly, and discreetly, they carry our wastewater away to be processed until it can safely be returned to the aquifer. While none of us would like to imagine life without a sewer, it's not something we usually think about. We need to change that.

Our sewers are only able to reliably transport the three P's: Pee, Poo, and (toilet paper). Flushing anything else can cause disgusting backups in the system and contaminate our water supplies.

Despite the heavy-duty job they perform, our sewers are actually quite delicate. Modern sewer systems rely on gravity for a majority of the motion in the pipes with some assistance from pumps. This means that if the wastewater isn't flowing freely, it isn't really flowing at all. Anything that does not quickly dissolve in the toilet when flushed can buildup on pipe walls and cause clogs. If wastewater can't flow toward our treatment plant, it's going to back up the other direction to where it came from. That's a mess nobody wants.

You should never flush wipes (even those labels flushable) facial tissue, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, cotton swabs, dental floss, condoms, rags, toys, dead animals, and anything other than the three P's down the toilet. Even if the toilet can handle them, the sewers cannot.

You should also never flush household chemicals, medicines, or drugs. These can dissolve in the water and taint our water supplies or harm the biological filters used in the wastewater treatment process.



Finally, fight the FOG- Fats, Oils, and Grease. These common household items quickly solidify and clog sewer pipes. Never pour grease, cooking oil, or meat drippings down the drain. This is especially important to remember with the approaching holiday season.

We can keep our sewers flowing and our community healthy and sanitary by working together and only ever flushing the three P's.

Looking for Leaks

We have recently had several customers contact us about their water bills going up despite not changing their water habits. Your water bill is directly tied to how much water

you use. If your bill is going up, that means your usage is going up or you may have a leak.

You are responsible to pay for all the water that flows through your meter. Leaks are literally your money running down the drain.



One way to check for medium to large leaks is to see if water is still flowing through your meter when all your faucets and spigots are turned off. Follow these simple instructions:

1. Turn off every water user in your home. Check every faucet and spigot to ensure they are closed. Check all your water-using appliances (washing machine, dishwasher, etc) to ensure they are not running. Make sure your sprinklers are off. Make sure no-one flushes a toilet during your leak check.
2. Locate your water meter. Your water meter will likely be on the side of your property that faces the street, between the street and your home. If you need help finding your water meter, contact us.
3. Watch your water meter for signs of flow. Look for the small disk to spin or for the numbers displayed to go up. If there are signs of flow, you likely have a leak and should seek help finding and repairing it.

Drips and drops may not seem like much, but they can add up quickly. Most drips and drops come from connections that are not sealed well. A \$2 roll of thread sealing tape can go a long way to save you money. Talk to your local hardware store about how to use it.

Finally, toilets are often a cause of household leaks. If your toilet makes trickling sounds, or randomly fill with water when they haven't been flushed, you probably have a leaky toilet.

One way to test this is to add a few drops of food coloring to the tank of your toilet. Wait 30 mins and check the water in the bowl. If the bowl water is colored, you likely have a leaky flapper. Talk to your local hardware store or a plumber about a replacement.

Understanding Your Tax Bill

If you have reviewed your property tax bill online, you will notice that the water and sewer base rates are now being included in it. In July, RCSD moved all customer's base rates for water and sewer from their monthly bills to the property tax rolls. This is not a rate increase, it is only a change in how base rates are collected.

For more information, please see our [FAQ](#) and the [June 2020 edition of our newsletter](#). Both can be found online on our website at rosamondcsd.com under CUSTOMERS.

Keep Your Contact Info Updated

As your water provider, it is vital that we have your current contact information. This allows us to reach you with urgent health and safety alerts, and important billing information. Keep your contact info current by visiting rosamondcsd.com and selecting I WANT TO then [Update My Contact Info](#).



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT: **MOJAVE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020
17035 FINNIN ST, BUILDING #2
9 AM - 12 PM

Accepted Materials

Batteries | Motor Oil | Paints | Light Bulbs | Sharps
| Pool Chemicals | Automotive Products |
Cleaning Products & more!



**TOO TOXIC
TO TRASH!**



RULES TO FOLLOW

- Label All Containers
- No Leaking Containers
- Do Not Mix Wastes
- Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs of waste per trip

Business Waste NOT accepted

*Collection event may be cancelled due to weather conditions

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