



Rosamond Community Services District

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What to Do if You Go Past Due

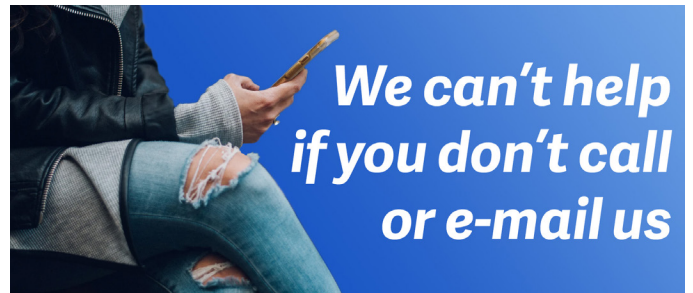
It's been months since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic and restrictions were placed on families and businesses across the world. Everyone has felt the impacts of these restrictions, with some suffering more than others. What should you do if you aren't able to pay this month's water bill or have fallen behind in your payments? Contact us soon.

RCSD is focused on serving our community. This means doing our best to find ways to keep the water on, even in hard times. We have several options we can offer to help you catch up if you are past due on your account. Working together, we can develop a plan that will help you get caught up and paid off. However, we cannot do anything to help if you do not communicate and work with us.

The worst thing you can do if you are past due on your water bill is doing nothing at all. Ignoring phone calls, door hangers, and other notices will only put you further behind and could ultimately result in service disconnection. Again, please reach out to us if you are past due on your water bill.

The same is true if you have a large water bill from unusually high water use or a leak. Please call or email us and together we may be able to work out a solution that fits your needs.

We cannot simply write off water bills, as there are real costs associated with procuring, treating, and delivering water. Pipes must be maintained, water rights purchased, and pumps serviced. These costs must be covered to keep the water flowing through our community. However, we can find real, workable solutions for your account if we work together. Please call or email us today at 661-256-3411.



Making Room for a Museum

RCSD is excited to announce a new partnership with the Kern Antelope Historical Society, working towards the goal of opening a community museum in the old RCSD building on 20th Street West.

The RCSD Board of Directors has offered the building for lease to the historical society at a cost of \$12 a year. This special rate was extended to the historical society because of the service the museum will offer to the community. This arrangement will also help RCSD by keeping the building occupied and maintained by good tenants.

The board had previously looked at leasing the building on Diamond Street to the historical society, but it was found to be unsuitable for the historical society's needs.

Rosamond has been the stage for many interesting events in history, from the discovery of gold at Tropico Hill in 1894, to the breaking of the sound barrier in 1947, with new stories being played out in our community today. Much of this history has been recorded, along with interesting pictures and artifacts by the Kern Antelope Historical Society. However, the historical society has lacked a good place to display its collection with the public.

This is the first step of many that are required to open a local museum, but it is a big one. We look forward to being able to share our history with our community, as well as tourists that will come to visit Edwards Air Force Base's soon-to-open public museum.

If you would like to help make the museum a reality, consider donating time or money to the Kern Antelope Historical Society. Contact them directly for more information.

Winter Water Tips

Winter is here with cold crisp days and nighttime temperatures that routinely dip below freezing. These freezing temperatures can pose a number of hazards when water is involved. Here are some tips to help you be more water-wise in the winter.

Adjust your sprinklers- Winter lawns don't require as much water as summer lawns. Adjust the time and duration of your sprinklers, or turn them off completely. Over-watering and spray from sprinklers can ice over sidewalks, creating a fall hazard.

Drain uninsulated pipes- Uninsulated pipes outside are at risk of bursting because water expands when it freezes. If possible, turn off and drain any uninsulated pipe systems, such as sprinklers, to protect against this.

Insulate your water heater and hot water pipes- Heat that escapes your water heater due to poor insulation results in higher heating bills. Protect against this by getting an insulating blanket for older water heaters with an R-value of less than 24, and insulating the exposed hot water pipes that lead away from your water heater.

Watch for leaks- Burst pipes from freezing weather can cause small to large leaks. Stay extra vigilant about leaks in the winter by watching your monthly usage.

Getting Graffiti Gone

Graffiti has been a scourge faced by communities for centuries. In Rosamond, RCSD has the charge of getting rid of it whenever it appears, usually by painting over it. However, like many things in this world, it's not that simple.

RCSD crews do their best to cover up any reported graffiti but must respect private property while doing so. We do our best to secure the permissions needed, but it is not often possible.

Many property owners can be difficult to get ahold of or may not give us permission to paint over the graffiti on their property. This means that RCSD crews are not able to cover up all the graffiti that is reported to us.

Please continue to report any graffiti you see in our community and we will continue to do what we can to get the graffiti gone.

