

Closure of Waterton Canyon

Waterton Canyon is scheduled to be closed from Aug. 2, 2010 through Dec. 3, 2010 and again from Feb. 28, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2011. There is more than 1 million cubic yards of sediment in the reservoir. Denver Water will be dredging the reservoir to remove 625,000 cubic yards of sediment that has built up following fires and intense rains. Waterton Canyon road will essentially be a six-mile-long construction site during this project. Scheduling updates will be posted on Denver Waters web site www.denverwater.org.

In an emergency call the District's main office number 24 hours a day at 303-985-7895. Calls received outside normal working hours will be answered by the District's answering service and the information will be directed to on call service personnel for assistance.

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Before Cold Weather Arrives

Know the location of your water shut-off valve.

If a pipe breaks, you won't want to have to find it then or, worse, wait for someone to arrive at your place to find it for you. In most single-family homes, the shut-off valve is in the basement or the crawl space, on a wall facing the street.

Turn off and drain automatic and manual sprinkler systems before first freeze.

You'll thank yourself in the spring. The alternate freezing and thawing of water in the system can create cracks and weak spots, triggering silent underground leaks or mini-geysers.

Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them.

Make sure the faucet and the outside portion of the pipes are fully drained. A valve inside many houses will shut off the water's flow; then open and close the tap outside to release any water in the pipe. Disconnect the hose to ensure that freeze-proof faucets will drain and to avoid damage to the hose from freezing water.

Winterize unheated or vacant buildings.

Significant property damage and water loss can occur before burst pipes are discovered in vacant buildings.

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If your vacant building has a fire protection system, make sure there is no danger that the water servicing this system might freeze.

Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before.

Pipes close to exterior walls or in unheated basements can be wrapped with pieces of insulation. Do not overlook pipes near windows, which can quickly freeze. For particularly difficult pipes, consult a professional on how to select and apply heat tape.

Caution: *Improper use of heat tape can cause fires.*

www.denverwater.org/WaterServiceSupport/SeasonalTips/Winter

Maintaining Your Online Payment Account

In our last newsletter, we addressed paying your bills online through your banks online payment service. If you use this method of payment it is important to update your Lakehurst Water account number should you sell or rent the property. Each time a property is sold or rented the premise counter increases changing the account number. Lakehurst account numbers are associated with the property address and not a person's name. Please include the full account number to insure payments are properly applied to your account.

Amendment 60, 61 and Proposition 101

"Three citizens proposed initiatives, Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101 will be on the November 2010 state-wide ballot. At its August 23, 2010 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District adopted Resolution 2010-8-1, which strongly urges the voters to vote against each of the initiatives. The reasons for the Board's action are set forth in the Resolution, a copy of which can be obtained from the District office located at 7995 West Quincy Avenue, Littleton, CO, telephone number (303) 985-7895.

Phony Water Department Employee Reported

Recently we were notified by Denver Water Department of a man posing as a Denver Water employee who said he needed to enter the home to check the water quality. This customer denied the imposter entry. Imposters gain access to customer's homes looking for valuables.

Lakehurst would like our customers to know that our field employees wear uniforms with the Lakehurst logo identifying them as employees of the District. All of our field staff carry photo identification cards and drive trucks with the Lakehurst logo clearly marked on the side. If an imposter approaches a customer, they should call the police and Lakehurst Water at 303-985-7895.

Lakehurst Water & Sanitation Sells Landmark Water Tank in South Jeffco

Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District has sold the 4,000,000-gallon landmark water tank, which sits on a hill west of Kipling and north of D'Evelyn High School. Demolition by M&M Tank Coating Company will begin on Monday, August 30, 2010.

"The tank was removed from service in 2001 when we no longer needed it to maintain water pressure and supply for our customers," says Steve Daldegan, Lakehurst District Manager. "The Board of Directors has been trying to sell it since then to eliminate the on-going maintenance costs and security liabilities and finally got an offer this summer."

According to Daldegan, the tank, which is 147 feet in diameter and 32 feet high, will be completely dismantled over the next four to six weeks and trucked to a location in Wyoming where it will be rebuilt and used as an oil storage tank at a crude oil facility.

"It's a win-win for everyone except the folks who were using the tank as a graffiti canvas," says Daldegan, who asks that residents with questions about the project call the District office at 303-985-7895.