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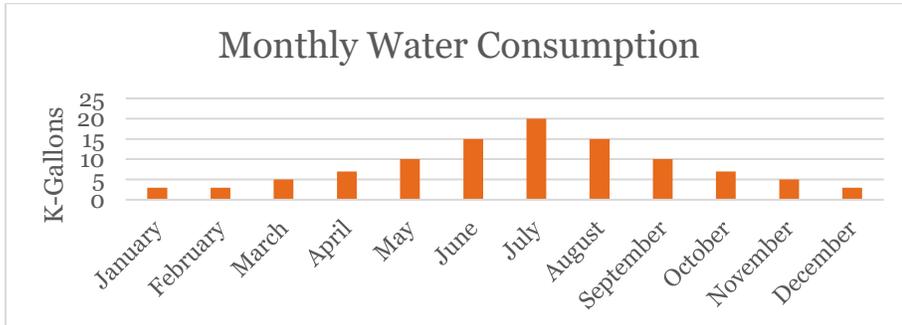
PINERY PIPELINE



From your Board of Directors

Not everyone thinks about water conservation during the winter. We are not watering outside (hopefully) since the first hard freeze. The irrigation system is all winterized, and we won't think about it until we start getting those robo-calls in the spring for lawn aeration and fertilization. However, I would like you to think about it. Since you are reading this article, you have received your latest utility bill from the Pinery Water and Wastewater District. Look at the blue graph in the upper right-hand corner that shows your monthly water consumption for the last year. Do the bars between May and November fluctuate or are they the same size each month?

If the bars are the same each month and you have landscaping that you water during the summer months, the irrigation controller is not getting properly adjusted to apply the proper amount of water for the time of season. Your graph should look like this graph below. The highest amount of water use should be in the summer months.



If you need help with setting your irrigation timer or are not sure how to do it, the District offers a landscape irrigation audit that will help. Keep an eye out for details on how to sign up for the audits in the coming months.

By next summer all residents should have the EyeOnWater retrofitted water meter that will give each of you access to your daily, and hourly water usage. Check your water usage to see what daily water usage makes up your graph. You can look at your bill to see if you have you have the EyeOnWater technology installed. Take a look in the upper left-hand corner, if it says "Your new technology is waiting! Sign up with Eye On Water at <https://eyeonwater.com/signup>" please register to view your data. A direct link to the EyeOnWater



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website is available on your statement in the upper left-hand corner if you get your bills emailed to you. Enjoy the Holidays and ask Santa for a new lawn sprinkler controller!

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 15 2022 Thursday January 19, 2023



The District office will be closed on Friday December 23, Monday the 26th, and Monday January 2nd for the celebration of the holidays and the New Year.

Please call our After Hours line at (303)841-2797 ext 9 for emergencies.

From all of us at the Pinery Water & Wastewater District - Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Are Your Pipes Ready for Winter?!

Winter is fast approaching and each year the District receives calls from homeowners with no water due to freezing. Here are some tips to help prevent and thaw frozen pipes at home.

How to Prevent Frozen Pipes

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up and out of reach of the children.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold-water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

How to Thaw Frozen Pipes

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes

Freezing Weather Maintenance Checklist

• Add Insulation in Your Attic

• Clean Gutters to Allow Water to Drain Freely

• Seal All Windows with Caulking or Weather Stripping

• Seal All Doors with Weather Stripping

• Insulate Pipes in a Laundry Room and Bathroom on Exterior Walls

• Buy a Roof Rake to Safely Remove Snow on Your Roof

• Insulate Pipes in Cabinets on Exterior Walls

• Prevent Tree Branches from Overhanging Your Roof/Gutters

To-do List

- Prevent Frozen Pipes
DisasterSafety.org/freezing_weather/prevent-frozen-pipes/
- Reduce Ice Dam Risks
DisasterSafety.org/freezing_weather/preventing-ice-dams-on-homes/
- Prevent Roof Collapse on Homes
DisasterSafety.org/freezing_weather/prevent-roof-collapse/
- Installing Weather Stripping & Seals
DisasterSafety.org/freezing_weather/installing-weather-stripping-seals/

Additional winter weather resources are available at DisasterSafety.org/freezing_weather

Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety

- include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
 - Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.
 - Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
 - Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

(Reference: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/frozen-pipes>)

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