

Newsletter



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Last Call for Woodmen Hills Refund Letters!

Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District (PBHMD) recently secured a judgement against Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District (WHMD) to resolve our claim of WHMD over charging for wastewater treatment, in violation of our Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) dated June 3, 2011. The judgement found that between January 2014 and November 2022 WHMD improperly overcharged PBH's residents for wastewater treatment according to the IGA, by including debt for capital improvements. The judgement required WHMD to reimburse PBH Residents the amount of \$1,020,069.24 in damages and \$287,704.29 in interest. PBHMD also secured repayment of \$87,958.74 in attorney's fees and costs incurred in litigating the dispute.

May 31st will be the deadline to get any letters to us for your refund. Please feel free to share this information with any friends, family, or former neighbors who might have lived in Paint Brush Hills during this time!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the district at PBHMD@pbhmd.com.



Friendly Reminders!

The upcoming Board Meetings will be held on April 18th and May 16th at 5 pm. Any changes will be announced on our **Facebook** and **website** page.

How to Keep Your Lawn Lush and Green with Fertilizing Techniques that Save Water

As a homeowner, having a lush and green lawn is probably one of your top priorities. Not only does it add to the beauty of your home, but it also creates a welcoming environment for your family and visitors. However, keeping your lawn healthy can be challenging, especially when you live in a drought-prone area such as Colorado. Fortunately, by fertilizing your lawn, you can keep it green while saving water.

Understanding the Basics of Lawn Fertilization

Fertilizing your lawn is the process of adding essential nutrients to the soil to promote healthy grass growth. The three primary nutrients that lawns need are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Nitrogen is responsible for promoting leaf and stem growth, phosphorus is essential for root development, and potassium helps improve the grass's overall health.

Choosing the Right Fertilizer for Your Lawn

Choosing the right fertilizer for your lawn is crucial for promoting healthy grass growth and minimizing water usage. When selecting a fertilizer, consider the nutrients it contains, its release rate, and the application rate. Nitrogen is the most important nutrient for promoting healthy grass growth, and most fertilizers contain a high percentage of it. However, too much nitrogen can lead to excessive growth and the need for more water. To avoid this, choose a fertilizer with a slow-release nitrogen formulation. The application rate of the fertilizer is also essential. Applying too much fertilizer can lead to excessive growth, which requires more water, while applying too little can result in a weak and unhealthy lawn. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and measure the area of your lawn before applying the fertilizer.

How to Fertilize Your Lawn for Optimal Water Savings

Fertilizing your lawn for optimal water savings involves applying the right amount of fertilizer at the right time. In general, it's best to fertilize your lawn in the spring and fall when the grass is actively growing. Avoid fertilizing during the summer months when the grass is dormant to prevent excessive growth. To minimize water usage, consider using a fertilizer that contains a wetting agent. Wetting agents help the soil absorb water more efficiently, reducing the need for frequent watering. Additionally, water your lawn deeply and infrequently to encourage deeper root growth and reduce water waste.

Lawn Care Practices that Support Water Savings

In addition to fertilizing your lawn, there are other lawn care practices that can help you save water. These include:

- Mowing your lawn to the proper height: Cutting your grass too short can stress the plant and require more water. Aim to keep your grass at a height of 2-3 inches.
- Aerate your lawn: Aeration helps improve water absorption by breaking up compacted soil and allowing water and nutrients to penetrate deeper.
- Keep the clippings on your grass! The cut grass will break down and provide about 25% of the nutrients your lawn needs.
- Use a smart sprinkler controller. These controllers will look at local weather and adjust automatically to conditions and seasons.

Chris Sulewski / Field Technician Supervisor

Pressed Flower Suncatcher

You will need:

- Pressed Flowers
- Small Plate or Bowl for Tracing
- Self-Laminating Sheets
- Scissors



Directions:

- 1: Trace a small plate or bowl on a self-laminating sheet to make a circle
- 2: Add the pressed flowers to the sticky side of the self-laminating sheet
- 3: Add another self-laminating sheet on top and firmly press down to seal the two sheets together
- 4: Cut out the traced line of your suncatcher
- 5: Hang your suncatcher in the window!

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