

Newsletter



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Dear Resident,

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.

Letters will be sent to all current residents within the first 10 days of May. Please look for those letters, the letter will give you the option of receiving a check or applying it to your water account.



Friendly Reminders!

The upcoming Board Meetings will be held on May 18th, 2023 at 3:00pm, and June 15, 2023 at 3:00pm. Any changes will be announced on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#) page.

Community Day Clean-Up Day

On June 10th, 2023, Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District will be hosting a Community Clean-Up Day for the neighborhood. We are looking for volunteers to help up pick up trash and clean the community on June 10th 9a.m. to 12 p.m. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer so we can have enough food for those wishing to help! Please call the front office and let us know if you are volunteering. We will also have dumpsters available for Paint Brush Hills residents to use. They will be available Wednesday the 7th through Friday the 9th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday the 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday the 12th from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. the dumpsters will be located at Pump House 3 off of Londonderry, west of Beckham Street. If you would like to use the dumpsters please bring you photo ID and your water bill.

Items that are not allowed are:

Any Hazardous material
No liquids
No paint
No oil or coolant
No tires
No concrete, dirt, or rock
No TVs or appliances
No car batteries
No mattresses



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 Maintenance Supervisor

5.4 Water Conservation. Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District takes the conservation of our water very seriously. Even though our need for fresh water sources is always increasing because of population building growth, the supply we have stays constant. Currently we have the capability to meet the current demands for water but that does not mean we should pump our aquifers until they are empty. Everyone should be encouraged to use less water during peaks hours of 5am to 8am. By reducing the amount of water used, we can better protect against future water shortages and even drought years.

Water conservation requires forethought and effort, but every little bit helps. Do not think that what a single resident can do will not matter. Everyone can make changes in our lifestyles to reduce our water usage. The trick is making water conservation a way of life and not just something we think about occasionally.

5.5.1 Water Conservation levels

5.5.1.a Level 1

- Irrigation/Sprinkler watering permitted only between the hours of 6pm and 10am
- While watering, no standing water on hard surfaces or water flowing down street gutters is allowed.
- Watering or water use by hand permitted any time with the use of a water shut off nozzle.

5.5.1.b Level 2

- This level is auto triggered when system pressure at the booster station drops below 50 psi due to excessive demand in the distribution system.
- In addition to the rules in Level 1 the following additional rules apply:
 - Commercial/Residential watering limited to:
 - Even numbered street addresses – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 - Odd numbered street addresses – Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
 - School water will be on a restricted schedule to be determined by the District and School.
 - Using water to clean hard surfaces (sidewalks, driveways, patios, etc.) is prohibited without District permission.

5.5.1.c Level 3

- When system Average 3-Day Demand goes above 75% of well Daily Production rates.
- No irrigation or sprinkler watering allowed for all (i.e., School, Residential, and commercial)
 - Watering or water use by hand permitted any time with the use of a water shut off nozzle

5.5.1.d Level 4

- When system Average 3-Day Demand goes above 90% of well Daily Production rates.
- No outside watering allowed until further notice.

5.5.2 Any excessive water loss due to leakage could result in water services to be suspended until such leak has been corrected.

Current level is Green (Level 1): No irrigation use from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Toilet Paper Roll Bee Craft

What you need:

- Paper Roll
- Googly Eyes
- Yellow, Light Blue and Black Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Black Marker



Instructions:

1. Cut a strip of yellow paper, it needs to be the same width as the paper roll (or a little bit wider as you can always trim the excess paper). Apply glue and wrap the paper around the paper roll.
2. Cut strips from black paper and wrap a few around the “bottom” part of the toilet paper roll.
3. Take two googly eyes and glue them onto the roll. Draw mouth (and other detail if you wish) with marker.
4. Cut wings and antennae and glue them onto the paper roll.

Enjoy your new spring bee!

Found at: www.easypeasyandfun.com

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