



May 2024 Newsletter

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KMPUD Community Information - Did You Know ... ?

The District's water distribution system consists of approximately five miles of pipelines ranging from six to ten inches in diameter.

Energy Saving Ideas

Saving energy means saving money. How much money have you saved recently? The following tips can help you save more. These tips will give you advice about immediate low-cost steps you can take to save energy and money, and about investments in energy-efficient equipment that may help you save more.

As we transition from cold days and nights, to cool mornings and warm days, and maintaining efficiency with the loss and gain of heat, you may find the following energy saving tips are useful.

💡 **Keep Warm in the Evenings** - Set the thermostat at 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the day, 60 degrees Fahrenheit at night. And turn it off when you are away for long periods of time.

For every degree you lower heating in the 60-70 degree range, you will save up to three percent on heating costs.

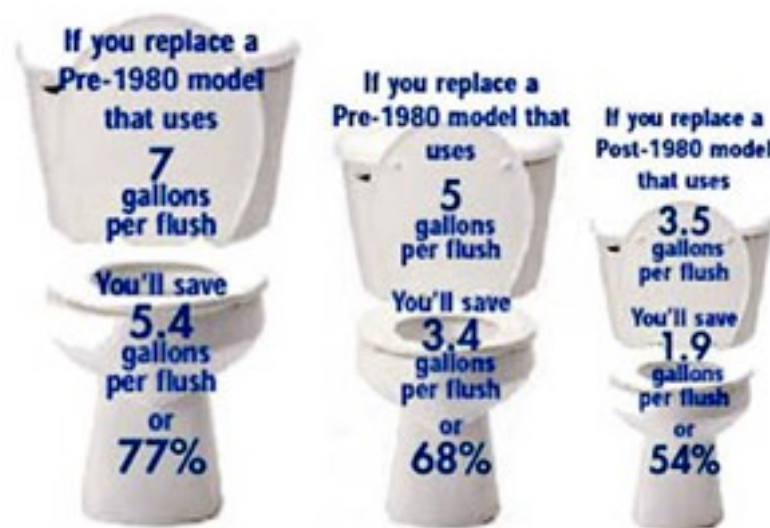
💡 **Insulate to Keep the Heat Where It is Needed Most** - By installing insulation, a homeowner can cut up to 20 percent off a heating or cooling bill. The attic is one of the most important places to insulate. The higher the R-value of insulation, the greater the insulating value. Ensure your attic ventilates so moisture can escape.

💡 **Stop Air Leaks and Cut Air Drafts** - Gaps and holes where plumbing pipes and wires enter the home and around exhaust fans and vents as they exit the home should be caulked and stuffed with insulation. If you can see daylight or feel a draft through a crack under or over a door, you may want to consider weather stripping.

💡 **Save on Water Heating** - If you have a dishwasher, set the temperature to 130-135 degrees. If you do not have a dishwasher, a setting of 122 degrees Fahrenheit is considered efficient and sanitary and will help prevent scalding injuries. For every degree you lower the temperature on a 40-gallon gas water heater, you will save about 1.5 therms a year.

💡 **Monitor your Fireplace** - Keep the damper closed unless you have a fire going. An open damper can let up to 8% of home's heat escape out the chimney. If you use your fireplace to heat your home, invest in an air blower to circulate the warm air.

Go Low-Flow Toilet Rebate



In 2016, Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District established a low-flow toilet rebate program as low-flow toilets are a sensible and cost-effective way to reduce water use and wastewater flow. The only difference you will notice is lower bills and a continuing supply of the quality of water you have come to depend on!

- Get up to \$100 REBATE for a low-flow toilet
- REDUCE your current utility bill
- Help CONSERVE our water resources
- Click [HERE](#) to learn more and download the form

Kirkwood Summer Festival



The Kirkwood Summer Festival is the main fundraising event for the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD), attracting 500-700 attendees each July since 1997. The generosity of our community over the years has enabled KVFD to purchase protective gear and life-saving equipment for our volunteer firefighters as well as a new fire engine in 2023! This year, we hope to raise funds to support staffing, training, and outfitting the new engine. These are crucial items needed to protect the Kirkwood community.

In an effort to raise money and have some fun, the 2024 Kirkwood Summer Festival is returning Saturday, July 6, 2024, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on the Plaza featuring great food, beer, wine, mocktails, live music by Sean Lehe Trio, games, auction, and more.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

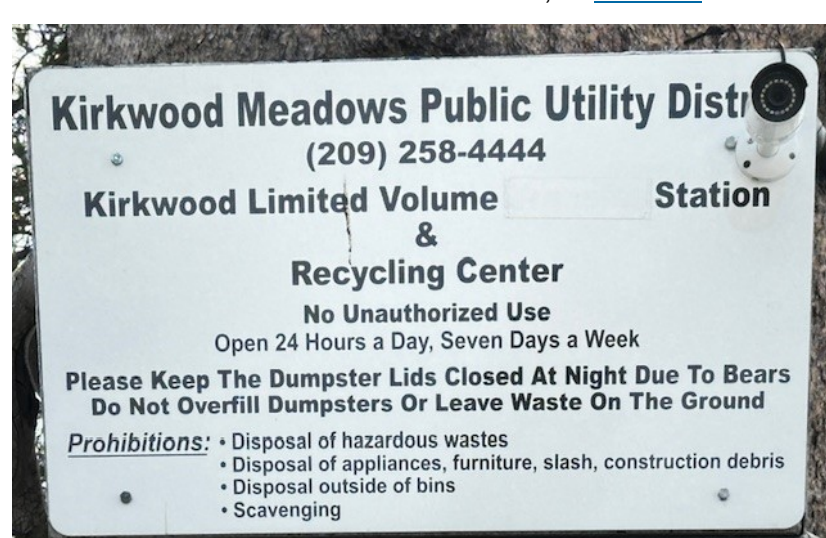


We continue to share the progress of KG Walters Construction Co. on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Repair and Rehabilitation project.

The work continues on schedule. Most of the project will occur inside the building, so while there will be more activity now that it is spring-summer weather, most will not be visible from outside.

What not to Dump in the Dumpsters

ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
Household garbage	No hazardous waste
Items that cannot go into recycling or yard waste cards	No hot ashes
Disposable diapers & personal care products	No liquids of any kind
Pet waste & kitty litter (bagged)	No TVs, computers, cell phones, or electronic devices
Styrofoam (put packing peanuts in bags)	No needles or medical waste
Plastic bags and plastic wrap	No dead animals
Cold ashes (bagged)	Liquids of any kind: antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, used oil, pool chemicals, paint, thinners, pesticides, insecticides, acetone, etc.
	No dirt, rock, or concrete
	No batteries, fluorescent tubes, mercury switches, E-waste, or U-Waste



[Learn More About Proper Disposal of Trash HERE](#)

What is the Board Doing Now?

The District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors, each elected to serve a four-year term. All meetings take place at 33540 Loop Road, in The Board Room. The next Board Meeting is May 10th.

Beginning June 2024, the Board will meet on the first Friday of the month. We encourage your participation at our meetings. Click [here](#) to learn more about each meeting schedule and agenda.