
STRATMOOR NEWS

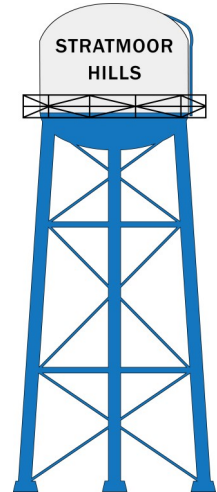
Stratmoor Hills Water, Sanitation & Fire Protection Districts

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Watering Tips For Spring and Summer

- Tip # 1: Maintain good soil moisture levels
- Tip # 2: Water less often, but thoroughly
- Tip # 3: Water late in the evening or early in the morning
- Tip # 4: Keep leaves dry to avoid diseases
- Tip # 5: Ensure water reaches the roots
- Tip # 6: Apply gradually—do not allow water to flow down the curb
- Tip # 7: Water evenly around plants for balanced root development
- Tip # 8: Use water saving irrigation methods e.g. drip irrigation
- Tip # 9: Avoid waterlogging
- Tip # 10: Use quality, clay rich soil for better water retention



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stratmoorhillswater.org



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Stratmoor Hills Water District Summer Demands

The Stratmoor Hills Water District average demand for water increases by almost 100% in the summer months. The daily average for water production between October and March is roughly 450,000 gallons per day. This amount increases to almost 900,000 gallons per day during the summer months. Luckily, the Water District has several sources of water that can meet these extra demands during the summer months. However, we request that each Stratmoor Hills resident conserve water by following proper irrigation techniques. Remember to be "Water Wise."

[BILLING SCHEDULE \(est.\)](#)

Bills Mailed - May 3, 2024

Payments Due - May 15, 2024

Late Notices Mailed - May 16, 2024

Shut Off Payments Due - May 28, 2024

Shut Off Day - May 29, 2024

Meter Read Date - May 31, 2024

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.

STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - <http://www.stratmoorhills.org/contact.php>

SEWER PROBLEMS

If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so that we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If it is in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.



Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an independent organization that collects and evaluates information throughout the United States regarding a community's fire suppression capabilities, specifically focusing on structure fires. Data gathered is analyzed using the ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), which then assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) grade to the community. Grades range from 1 to 10, with a Class 1 indicating exemplary fire suppression abilities and a Class 10 indicating the area does not meet the ISO minimum criteria for fire suppression. Communities are evaluated in accordance with a consistent set of criteria, which includes standards established by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. The evaluation criteria for a PPC grade are:

Emergency Communications- including emergency reporting, telecommunicators and dispatching systems. This section is weighted at 10 points and 10% of the total classification.

Fire Department- including equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations and community risk reduction. This section is weighted at 50 points and 50% of the total classification.

Water Supply- including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared to the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallon per minute. This section is weighted at 40 points and is 40% of the total classification.

Needed Fire Flows- which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes. An additional factor, *Divergence*, is considered in calculating a final FSRS score. A *Divergence* factor reflects disparity between the effectiveness of the fire department and the water supply. The *Divergence* factor mathematically reduces the FSRS score based upon the relative difference between the fire department and water supply scores and is reflected in the final credits.

The development of a PPC rating incorporates meetings with official representatives from the emergency communications center, water system operators, fire department representatives and highly trained ISO personnel, which utilize a comprehensive questionnaire for data collection. The PPC assigned to the community is dependent upon the community's score based on a 100-point scale.

Throughout 2023, ISO personnel worked with various stakeholder representatives to conduct a Public Protection Classification (PPC) analysis of the Stratmoor Hill Fire Department's structural fire suppression delivery system. The outcome of the analysis awarded the following FSRS credits:

FSRS Item	Earned Credit	Credit Available
Communications	9.45	10
Fire Department	33.53	50
Water Supply	29.88	40
Divergence	-1.53	--
Community Risk Reduction*	<u>4.74</u>	<u>5.50</u>
TOTAL CREDIT	76.07	105.5



*Community Risk Reduction allows for additional FSRS credit for Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, Public Fire Safety Programs and Fire Investigation.

Based on the FSRS points from above, effective April 1, 2024, the Stratmoor Hills Fire Department has received a Public Protection Classification of 3. This Classification is a two (2) step improvement from our prior PPC of 5. Our Department has worked for an extended period of time to accomplish this score, which clearly illustrates the dedication and significant efforts put forth by Department leaders and members. Additionally, insurance carriers may use the improved PPC information in a manner that may be beneficial to our community's personal or commercial property insurance. Our ongoing efforts of enhancement and continual improvement will include the utilization of input contained within our FSRS. This data and information will allow the Department to facilitate the creation of a strategic plan to guide our organization for the next five years. The strategic planning process will provide a means by which we evaluate our mission, vision, culture, values and philosophies. This strategy creates the opportunity for Department members and relevant stakeholders to participate in the development of the organization's future direction, as well as securing commitment to the process and execution of the plan.

Stratmoor News is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kirk Medina, at 576-0311. The Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts are governed by an individual, elected Boards of Directors. Currently, the members for each of the three Boards are: Robert Colgrove—Chairperson/President, James Pesicka—Vice Chairperson/President, John Willcox—Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Dent—Director, and Richard Dull—Director.

Board elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Board meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 "B" Street). Meeting agendas are posted at the Water District office (1811 "B" Street), the Fire Station and at the Stratmoor Elementary School (200 Loomis Avenue). If you would like more information about the Districts, please contact Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com