

Entranosa Water News

June 29, 2007

Holiday. Independence Day is next week ... have a safe, and pleasant celebratory time – and think of the 8500 patriots that lost their lives in the Revolutionary War, and the 1.2 million who have placed their lives on the altar of Freedom since that time. In honor of the holiday, our office will be closed on Wednesday the 4th.

June Consumption, Drought Forecast, and Weather Conditions. The average residential consumption increased in June, as expected, to approximately 8,481 gallons this past month – last year, it was about 11,200 gallons. If you believe your billed usage is higher than what you've used – give us a call and we'll be pleased to check for a leak – but keep in mind that if you left the hose on overnight, you could easily have used 24,000 gallons. While our drought condition remains “normal”, remember that we live in a highland desert – be aware of how you use your water and use what you need ... no more, and no less. The last week or so has been very dry and the prediction is that monsoon this year will be ‘normal’ - not as intense as last year, but thunderstorm activity should start to increase in the near future.

Rate Increase. In our billing next month we'll implement a rate increase on the water portion of your bill. The affects will vary, depending on usage. Some examples of the impact on individual bills are

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| 6,000 gallons a month | + \$1.32/month |
| 10,000 gallons a month | + \$2.27/month |
| 15,000 gallons a month | + \$3.72/month |

Thank you for your understanding that the pressures of inflation, fuel, and other factors can not be resisted for ever. If you have questions – please call.

Board Candidates and Annual Meeting. The Association is seeking candidates to run for three positions on the board of directors this year. Please consider this opportunity to serve your community and the Association – it takes a little time, but the main requirement is common sense and a willingness to serve. Nominations should arrive at the Entranosa office no later than the close of business on August 6th. The annual meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 2nd** in the Mountain Valley Church, near Mountain Valley Road and I-40.

Annual Water Report. Our annual Consumer Confidence Report has been mailed – it goes to all users on the system, not just members. In the event that you do not receive it in the next few days, please contact the office so we can verify the mailing and, if you wish, we'll send out another.

Tax Increase. The gross receipts tax for residents of Santa Fe County and the Town of Edgewood will increase on the first of July. The new rate for Santa Fe County is 6.5625% and the new rate for the Town of Edgewood is 7.5625%.

Call Before You Dig

New Mexico One Call

260-1990 or 811

Graywater Collection and Discharge

State law allows individual homeowners to discharge less than 250 gallons per day of graywater from a residence for household flower gardening, composting or landscaping irrigation IF some conditions are met. NMAC 20.7.3.810 – Graywater Discharges – of the Liquid Waste Disposal and Treatment Regulations applies – but you’ll want to check County or municipal ordinances too. References to “the department” means the State Environment Department. The conditions set forth in the state regulation are:

- A. a constructed graywater distribution system provides for overflow into the sewer system or on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system
- B. a graywater storage tank is covered to restrict access and to eliminate habitat for mosquitos or other vectors.
- C. A graywater system is sited outside of a floodway
- D. Graywater is vertically separated at least five feet above the groundwater table
- E. Graywater pressure piping is clearly identified as a nonpotable water conduit
- F. Graywater is used on the site where it is generated and does not run off the property lines**
- G. Graywater is discharged in a manner that minimizes the potential for contact with people or domestic pets**
- H. **Ponding is prohibited**, discharge of graywater is managed to minimize standing water on the surface and to ensure that the hydraulic capacity of the soil is not exceeded
- I. Graywater is not sprayed.**
- J. Graywater is not discharged to a watercourse
- K. Graywater use within municipalities or counties complies with all applicable municipal or county ordinances enacted pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 53 NMSA 1978**
- L. Graywater is **not stored longer than 24 hours** before being discharged
- M. Graywater use for purposes other than irrigation or composting is prohibited, unless a permit for such use is issued by the department
- N. Graywater is **not used to irrigate food plants** except for fruit and nut trees
- O. Graywater is discharged to a mulched surface area or to an underground irrigation system
- P. Graywater is not discharged closer than 100 feet to a watercourse or private domestic well, or closer than 200 feet to a public supply well
- Q. Graywater does not create a public nuisance
- R. For residential units using an on-site liquid waste system for blackwater treatment and disposal, the use **of a graywater system does not change the design, capacity or absorption area requirements for the on-site liquid waste system** at the residential unit, and the on-site liquid waste system is designed and sized to handle the combined blackwater and graywater flow if the graywater system fails or is not fully used, and
- S. Graywater does not contain hazardous chemicals derived from activities such as cleaning car parts, washing greasy or oily rags or disposing of waste solutions from home photo labs or similar hobbyist or home occupational activities.