

Entranosa Water News

October 31, 2008

October Consumption. For the most part, October has been a ‘dry’ month, which isn’t unusual – just more so this year. The average residential consumption this past month was approximately 5,500 gallons – which compares to about 7,775 gallons in 2007 and 6,329 gallons in 2006. If you have questions about your usage, we’ll be pleased to try and help answer them.

Community Safety Meeting. “Aware & Prepared”, a workshop on community safety and fire awareness sponsored by Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District and the East Mountains Interagency Fire Protection Association, will be held on November 8th at Roosevelt Middle School from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The focus of the session is on community safety in an emergency situation and they’ll present guidelines, realistic expectations and valuable resources to help you and your neighbors plan for your family, animals, home and community when an actual emergency situation threatens the East Mountains (long sentence, huh?). Jim Brooks will provide information on water harvesting. Contact Sue Hansen @ 761-5446 (or email sue.hansen@nm.nacdnet.net), so they can make proper arrangements for food and space.

Board Meeting in November. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:15 pm at the Entranosa office on Thursday, November 20th. Members are welcome to attend, we simply ask that you call ahead so we can make proper arrangements of space.

Hardness. We’re well into the transition season, from the demands of summer to those of winter. In that transition, water hardness will drop. As a system average, hardness is now about 19 grains and is still ranging between 15 and 25. It will drop in November, as we reduce certain well operations. During January and March, it should run within the range of 12 – 15 grains. For those who are interested (and even if you’re not) - a grain is equal to approximately 17.1 milligrams/liter.

High Pressure. Many of you live in high pressure zones where water main pressure is in excess of 100 psi. As a routine practice, we install pressure reducing valves (PRVs) on every meter installation, and we have a maintenance program through which those PRVs get replaced ... but every once in a while, one will fail and you may or may not experience ‘symptoms’, which could include the pressure relief valve on your hot water heater ‘lifting’, your toilets running, or you get leaks in your yard (service) line. If you see this – please give us a call. While the PRV may not be the cause, we’re pleased to check it, and we’ve encountered many plumbers who don’t think of it. There is no charge for our visit, even if high pressure from the system isn’t the problem. Regardless, we may be able to help, which may save some money and further aggravation.

Drought Forecast, and Weather Conditions. According to the 28 October report of the US Drought Monitor, 19.3 percent of the state is in a ‘dry’ condition. At this same time last year, 21 percent of the state was in a ‘dry’ or higher condition of drought. The NOAA Drought Outlook for New Mexico, through January, is ‘normal’, but we’ve seeing several forecasts for a severe winter (cold and wet).

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