

Water & Sewer District Reporter

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What's on the Horizon?

- *Happy Holidays from everyone here at the Water District.*



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GREASE

Fat, Oils and grease from food cause problems in the sanitary sewer system. The grease usually enters the sewer through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of the sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe. Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.

What can YOU do to help?

The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system:

- Never pour grease down the sink or toilet
- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots and utensils into the trash for disposal
- Pour fats, oils and grease into a container such as an empty jar or coffee can, allow to cool and place in the trash

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- With the winter months fast approaching, please make sure all exposed outside piping is turned off or wrapped in heat tape and make sure your heat tape is operating properly to avoid frozen pipes.

Protect your backflow device against theft!

We now have a new term for theft of copper wire, brass, bronze, etc.: **Urban Mining**. From fire hydrants to street light wiring and back flow devices, thieves are busily stripping homes, businesses, even utility services to sell to scrap dealers for quick cash. Armed with as little as a hacksaw, these thieves have been known to steal over 50 backflow devices from one location in one

night, then they come back again and take the new ones.

The Water District has had a recent increase in customers reporting their backflow devices being stolen and this may get worse once the systems are winterized. You may want to seek advise from your irrigation company on how to secure your property.

