



PERDIDO BAY WATER, SEWER, AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Source Water Assessment Program Meeting

Water systems throughout the state have been required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to conduct and complete a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) by February 6, 2003. The SWAP consists of establishing a Source Water Assessment Area, Contaminant Inventory, Susceptibility Analysis and Public Awareness. The Perdido Bay Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District has conducted and completed a Source Water Assessment Area delineation, contaminant inventory and a susceptibility analysis portion of the SWAP. In order to complete the SWAP the Perdido Bay



Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District is required to complete the Public Awareness portion. In order to do this, the Water District is required to hold a public meeting in which the Water District will present an oral report to the consumers as to the public raw water supply

including its susceptibility to contamination. At this meeting the public can review all assessment documentation and ask any questions that they may have as to the condition of the public raw water supply. The Public Awareness meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday October 28, 2002 at the District's billing office located at 28171 Freshwater Lane Elberta, Alabama. For more information please call our billing office Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 251-987-5816.

Our office will be closed for the remaining holidays:

- Labor Day**
*September 2, 2002
- Veterans Day**
*November 11, 2002
- Thanksgiving Day**
*November 28-29, 2002
- Christmas Day**
*December 24-25, 2002

In the event of an emergency our employees are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached by calling 986-4242

Tips on how to save water and money!

Saving water indoors:

1. Kitchen sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing food waste instead of using a garbage disposal. Garbage disposals also can add 50% to the volume of solids in a septic tank which can lead to malfunctions and maintenance problems.
2. Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up. This will reduce heating costs for your household.
3. Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
4. Never install a water-to-air heat pump or air-conditioning system. Air-to-air models are just as efficient and do not waste water.

What will we do if a hurricane comes?



In the event of a hurricane we have taken the following steps to minimize the possibilities of water outages and to provide on-going continuous service to the customers we serve.

Generators:

1. Have been filled with fuel.
2. Have been run and loaded.
3. 100kw Generator hooked to truck and on standby at well #2.

Vehicles and Equipment:

1. Have been filled with fuel.
2. Have been equipped with tools.
3. Have been loaded with supplies to make repairs.
4. Fuel tank in vehicle yard is full.

Wells:

1. Will be run in manual mode prior to storm to fill all storage tanks to overflow capacity.
2. Cross connection at Spanish Cove will be opened.

Once storm has passed:

1. All field employees will be gathered at maintenance office and paired up into groups of two (2) and sent out to assess any damage to wells, tanks and system. Once situation has been assessed employees will gather back at maintenance office with a list of damages. Damages will be prioritized and repaired in a timely manner.
2. Office personnel will gather at

the billing office to manage phones and take calls from customers reporting damage. All damage reported to the office will be communicated to the Superintendent and handled accordingly.

Perdido Bay Water is also requesting that customers that are evacuating the area turn their water off at their meter to minimize the loss of water and to prevent excessive bills. In the event that there is a water outage we ask for the customers patience and want them to know that we will be doing everything humanly possible to minimize and rectify the situation.

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Did you know that water expands by 9% when it freezes, making it less dense, which is why ice floats on water!

Recipe of the Month *Spicy Cajun Pasta*



- 1/2 lb. Plantation Smoked Sausage, cut into 1" pieces
- 2 chicken breast halves, cut into 1/4" pieces
- 1/2 lb. Med. Sized shrimp
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 c. onion chopped
- 3 tsp. Olive oil
- 1/2c. White wine
- 3/4 c. chicken broth
- 1 green bell pepper, cut in strips

- 1 red bell pepper, cut in strips
 - 2 tbsp. All-purpose flour
 - 1 c. half and half
 - 1 1/4 tbsp. Cajun seasoning
 - 2 tbsp. Tomato paste
 - 1 1/4 tsp. Cracked pepper
 - 1 16 oz. Pkg. Fettuccine
- Boil shrimp for 3 min., drain, peel and set aside. On med. heat, cook chicken, sausage, onion and garlic in olive oil, until chicken is lightly browned. Add

wine, bring to a boil and simmer 3 to 5 min. In a bowl combine broth and flour stirring until smooth. To mixture add half and half, Cajun seasoning, tomato paste and cracked pepper, add to skillet. Add shrimp, green and red peppers, bring to a boil, then simmer 20 minutes. Cook fettuccine according to package directions. Serve over cooked pasta. Serves 6 to 8.

Is Fire Protection Available?

We have received numerous calls from customers throughout the district concerning the availability of fire protection. In order to get a reduction on your insurance premiums you have to live within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant. The district does install fire hydrants on the system at the customer's expense. The average cost of installing a fire hydrant is \$2,500.00. This \$2500.00 fee is for the installation of the fire hydrant and impact fee. This fee is per fire hydrant and not per person. In other words if there were going to be sev-



eral homes to reap the benefits in premium reduction of home owners insurance from the fire hydrant the cost could be shared. However, fire hydrants cannot be installed just anywhere. There has to be at least a 6" or larger water main to connect the fire hydrant

to. This is a requirement that is placed on water systems in order to prevent the collapsing of water mains in the event of a pumper truck being connected to the main. If anyone is interested in having a fire hydrant installed please feel free to call our billing office for more information as to availability.

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The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life



The employees of the Perdido Bay Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District would like to thank all of its many customers

who gave generously during our fund raising efforts to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Be-

cause of your involvement in this meaningful endeavor, we were able to exceed our goal of \$1,000.00. Fund raising events this year included our Tree of Life (a leaf with the purchaser's name on it was added to a branch of the tree), a Valentine's Day kiss (customers received Hershey's Candy Kisses for their donation), employees sold Tupperware from Tupperware's Fund Raising Catalog, and a car wash was held. Special thanks goes to the Lillian Texaco on Highway 98 for the use of their facility for our car wash. We, the employees of the Perdido Bay Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District, enjoyed and look forward to promoting the Relay for Life program in the years ahead. Fund raising ideas are always welcome. If you would like to share your idea, participate in or sponsor an event, please contact our office. Thanks again for all your support.

Electronic Bank Payments

The Perdido Bay Water District began offering electronic bank payments to our customers in September 1999. By offering this service, customers can eliminate the worry associated with postage, writing checks, timely mailings, late fees or an interruption in service. Electronic payments are processed on the 10th of each month, or the next business day if it falls on a holiday or weekend. Electronic payments are processed by way of the Federal Reserve Automated Clearing House (ACH). The ACH network is a highly reliable and efficient

batch-oriented electronic funds transfer system governed by the NACHA Operating Rules, which provide for the interbank clearing of electronic payments for participating depository financial institutions. The American Clearing House Association, Federal Reserve, Electronic Payments Network, and Visa act as ACH Operators, central-clearing facilities through which financial institutions transmit or receive ACH entries. ACH payments can include mortgages, loans, utility bills and insurance premiums.

Any customer wishing to participate in electronic transfer of funds to pay their utility bill, can obtain a Bank Draft Authorization form from our billing office.

Did you know that water makes up 75% of the human brain. 75% of trees are also made from water!

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Seven Steps to a Water-Saving Garden

Xeriscaping, from the Greek word 'xeros' for 'dry,' is the creation of a garden that uses less water than traditional landscaping. You can do this by choosing plants that are drought-tolerant and by using horticultural techniques that use water most efficiently. Taking these steps will reduce your outdoor water use while creating a colorful, natural, yard or garden that is easier and cheaper to maintain.

1. **Planning & design** Consider soil and light conditions, drainage, which existing plants you plan to keep, maintenance level desired, plant and color preferences, and your budget.
2. **Soil improvements** Mix compost or peat moss into the soil before planting to help the soil retain water. If your yard is sloped, reduce water run-off with terraces and retaining walls.
3. **Practical lawns** Limit the amount of area devoted to grass. Plant groundcovers or add hard surface areas like patios, decks or walkways. When replanting lawn areas, use drought-tolerant grass seed mixes.
4. **Plant selection** Choose from among the many types of low-water-using trees, shrubs, flowers and groundcovers. Many need watering only in the first year or two after planting.
5. **Efficient irrigation** Install drip or trickle irrigation systems for those areas that need watering. These



systems use water efficiently and are available from commercial garden centers.

6. **Effective use of mulches** Use mulches like pine needles or shredded bark or leaves in a layer 3 inches deep. This keeps soil moist, smothers weeds and prevents erosion.
7. **Regular maintenance** Properly timed pruning, fertilizing, pest control and weeding will preserve your landscape's beauty and water efficiency.

