

NEWSLETTER
2ND Quarter Update
April 1, 2023

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You can visit us on Facebook: Pinon Pines Estates Mutual Water Company

NEW METERED BILLING:

As a reminder, this quarter's bill will reflect the new base rate plus usage from the last quarter. Your bill will be \$243.00 for the quarter (April – June) plus \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of usage from the previous quarter (January – March).

To figure out your usage in HCF, you can find your total usage in Cubic Feet (CF) for the quarter and divide that by 100. For example, if your usage for the first quarter is in the Average of our Pinon Pines customers you would have used 2,571 CF and then divide that by 100 equaling 25.71 HCF. That means, your bill in April would be \$243.00 (Base Rate) plus \$25.71 (Metered Rate) which equals \$268.71.

For those of you that have automatic payments set up through your bank, you can continue to send them in monthly at \$81.00 or quarterly at \$243.00. Please remember though, this will not cover your usage rate. You will need to provide an extra payment through your bank, credit card on our website, cash or check by mail, or drop box at our office door. If you want to make a payment in person at our office, please call ahead to make sure someone will be there.

Payment Mailing Address:
1467 Tecuya Drive
Frazier Park, CA 93225

Or Hand Deliver to:
1001 Coldwater Drive
Frazier Park, CA 9225

Spring Is Here!... Or Is It!?

Just in case some of you were unaware, we had a lot of snow this year! The snow did some serious damage to our communities' trees, power lines, telephone lines, and even some slight damage to some homes. Even though we had more snow than we expected, our community was more prepared than last year for the cold weather. We had far fewer calls this year compared to last because most of us prepared our water lines!

Don't jump the gun and get those irrigation lines primed with water yet though! We can still experience some cold nights in April and don't forget that we have had snow in May up here.



New Billing Format and Payment Availability:

We now accept debit/credit card payments through our web portal or over the phone for your convenience. There is a fee of 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction.

Visit www.pinonpineswater.com and click on Pay My Bill. Once you log in, you have options to make a credit card payment, as well as view your billing history and usage. The invoice will detail your usage history in cubic feet; a cubic foot of water is 7.48 gallons.

MESSAGE FROM THE WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

Fluoride Mitigation Project

We are currently still waiting on the Final Budget Approval (FBA) to be approved by the State. The FBA should hopefully be approved by the State in the next month or two so we can begin to move forward. We will be sure to let you know the construction time frame as soon as we are aware and able to move forward with our new well drilling, tank demo and construction, as well as the construction of the blending station. Thank you for your patience as we work through this and remember, this project will aid in our continuing effort to supply clean, safe drinking water and replace our aging storage tanks.

WATER CONSERVATION: 

PPMWC is still developing the, now required, Drought Preparedness and Response Policy, and it will be turned in to the State by June 1st of 2023. Once it is turned into the State and approved, we will be sure to provide that information to everyone so we can all actively participate in saving our precious resource for generations to come!

Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company Has Levels of Fluoride Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water analyses taken on 12/8/2022 showed that the drinking water provided by Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company has a fluoride concentration above the maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 2.0 mg/L: Well #5 of 2.1 mg/L, Running Annual Average; Well #7 of 3.1 mg/L, Running Annual Average.

What should I do?

Children under the age of nine should use an alternative source of water that is low in fluoride. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products.

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Rather, this is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis).
- Dental fluorosis may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.
- Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Although bone disease may develop in anyone exposed to years of drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, dental fluorosis can occur after a relatively short period of exposure (i.e. months) in children under the age of nine. • For other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.
- Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call the California Department of Public Health, Water Treatment Device Unit at (916) 449-5600 or visit the Department’s website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.shtml

What happened? What is being done?

Fluoride contamination is rarely due to human activity. Fluoride occurs naturally in some areas and is found in high concentrations in some of our source water. We are working with the California State Water Resource Control Board on a funding project to install a blending station and new well to mitigate the fluoride problem. For more information, please call Chuck Winagura of Pinon Pines Mutual Water Company, at (661) 245-4420. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.



UPCOMING EVENTS



**BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M.
At the Community Building, 1001 COLDWATER DRIVE**

YOUR WATER BOARD MEMBERS ARE

Brandon Grosh	President	(661) 295-4900
William Vanek	Vice President	(818) 451-9329
Dave Hymes	Treasurer	(818) 399-7307
Debbie Smith	Secretary	(818) 625-6472
Roger Huff	Member-At-Large	(818) 438-3978

Please contact any of the Water Board Members or Staff if you have any questions.

Chuck Winagura, General Manager	(661) 245-4420	Maintenance
Santa Carruth, Bookkeeper	(661) 245-4003	Bookkeeping

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.