

PINON PINES ESTATES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

NEWSLETTER 3rd Quarter Update July 1, 2023

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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 (July – September) plus \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of usage from the previous quarter (April – June).

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 second quarter is in the average of our Pinon Pines customers you would have used approximately 631 CF and then divide that by 100 equaling 6.31 HCF. That means, your bill in July would be \$243.00 (Base Rate) plus \$6.31 (Metered Rate) which equals \$249.31. For those of you who have automatic payments made by your bank, you can continue to send them 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

Fun in the Sun... Summer is Here!



Summer is here and that in turn means more use of water. While we want our grass to be green, our pools to be filled and our fountains to be flowing, please continue to keep water conservation at the front of your mind. I am truly proud of our community and the way we have all come together to conserve water. We are using less water than we did over the last two summers so far. Granted, it has been a cool summer, but I know you are all trying to do your part! Find the balance that you need to not overwater your yards but keep them nice and green to keep our community looking as nice as it does. If you're looking for a lawn that uses less water but you don't want artificial turf, try a Black Beauty and Micro Clover mix. It uses considerably less water and will change slightly each year. The more water it has, the more the Black Beauty grass grows. The less water, the more the Micro Clover will grow. Either way, the result is a green yard you can be proud of.

New Billing Format and Payment Availability:

We accept debit/credit card payments through our web portal or over the phone for your convenience. There is a fee of 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction.

Visit www.pinonpineswater.com and click on Pay My Bill. Once you log in, you can make a credit card payment and 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 currently have the Final Budget Approval (FBA) but are now waiting on an amendment to obtain more funding from the State. Due to inflation, the project is costing almost twice as much as the State was originally expecting. The FBA amendment should be approved by October, but there is a good chance it will be approved sooner. 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 has now developed its Drought Preparedness and Response Policy known as our Drought Contingency Plan. We plan on sharing this plan at our **ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, July 31st at 6:00 PM.** Come on in, spend some time with the community, and learn how we can all continue to conserve water for generations to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 3/10/2023 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.