

BlueLine



WATER SUPPLY CONVERSION • FACILITY EXPANSION CONTINUES SAVE YOUR DISPOSAL • TRASH SCHEDULE

Dear Kingsbridge M.U.D. Customer,

Greetings friends and neighbors and welcome to our second edition of the Kingsbridge Municipal Utility District newsletter. We publish this newsletter to keep you informed of events, some within and some beyond our control. As residents of the District we are committed to providing the best service at the best possible price. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and appreciate any comments and suggestions you may have. You may learn more at our web site: www.kingsbridgemud.com

Sincerely,
Robert Shindler
President

WATER SUPPLY

WATER SUPPLY CONVERSION

Ground subsidence (sinking of the land due to subterranean aquifer depletion) has been a major issue in some Texas areas and can cause serious damage to property, roads and infrastructure. For a while it has been known that the pumping of ground water contributes to the problem. Practically all water used on the West side of Houston is derived from wells. These wells pump a tremendous amount of water from the ground for both commercial and residential use. In order to reduce the effects of subsidence, the state of Texas has mandated that Municipal Utility Districts change to surface water sources like lakes and rivers. The main body of water in our area is Lake Houston.

Kingsbridge MUD has been working hard to meet this mandate and is in the process of laying the needed utilities to connect with the city of Houston's network. This new connection source is a major undertaking and although we expect most customers won't notice any change, there are some differences with water derived from the surface instead of wells.



Surface water requires more treatment to improve its purity. The new water will be treated with a chemical called chloramine in

place of chlorine. It is more stable and doesn't dissipate as easily as chlorine. Residents should know that because it doesn't dissipate like chlorine, water treated with chloramine should NOT be used for fish tanks or for dialysis devices. One other result of chloramine is it tends to give water a very slight greenish tint instead of blue like chlorine. While that may sound less appealing, it is not a sign of unclean water and the chemical has been used within Houston's water for several years.

Our goal, both as your board and as residents, is to work to ensure that the water we have in our district is the best quality possible and it is available for the residents with exceptional reliability.

FACILITY EXPANSION CONTINUES

Construction for a third water plant for Kingsbridge continues. The third plant is being built on Old Richmond Rd, west of Hwy 6 and will provide some additional water pumping as well as water storage for the expanding southern part of our district.

The groundwork for the plant is currently being completed. This plant's designs were made and its

construction is being coordinated by the district engineer, Miller & Associates. Planning for this facility started approximately two years ago and we all anticipate the project's completion before the end of this year. This major investment is an example of how your Municipal Utility District is continually working to provide and expand for the water needs of our community.



SAVE YOUR DISPOSAL, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

There are certain modern marvels that we could not do without and a garbage disposal is one of the best. However, they are not meant for everything and what you put down your drain can affect your home and your environment. You always have to be so careful about what you put in the disposal and consequently into your plumbing lines and those of the community. Here are some of the most common mistakes and biggest concerns...

Things NOT to put in your drain:

Fat and Bones: Bones can chip the blades and potentially break the disposal. Fat is just too difficult to actually cut or break down, meaning that it will probably clog the drain.

Grease: It does not matter what type of grease it is, nor does it matter if it is hot or cold grease. Hot grease will not clean a line nor run any faster down a drain. It clings to the sides of it and forms a hard plug. It thickens very fast when exposed to the cooler lines beneath your sink.

Pesticides: Never pour toxic pesticides down your sink. They can, when mixed with water, congeal and form hard cores in the sink line. Besides it eats out the lines and causes leaks to occur. Dispose of them properly.

Outside Oils: As with grease from the kitchen, never allow mechanical or cleaning oils down your sink. Outside cleaning oils have a

strong petroleum based formulation. Lubricating oils for joints or hinges, and motor oil are two of the tops on the list. People have poured this down their sinks, and had horrible plugs in the drain sink lines. You need to know that it is prohibited by the EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, to pour motor oil in anything besides a designated container for it. You could get into huge legal and financial trouble if any traces of it show up in a water contamination test. It is not worth the risk, and it is bad for the environment too.



Other Items To Avoid: Noodles, rice, banana skins, potato skins, avocado skins, fruit pits. Certain plant skins and heavy starch based foods can get stuck on the blades of a disposal causing clogs and odors. Fruit pits are very hard and can break the blades of your disposal.

Things you **CAN** do to take care of your disposal:

One way to sharpen the blades in a garbage disposal is to put ice cubes into the disposal.

To deodorize your disposal you should put in orange or lemon peels. You can also put baking soda into the disposal or lemon juice.

To clean the disposal daily, you should run hot soapy water through the disposal after all the dishes are done.

TRASH PICKUP



Republic Services has implemented the following initiatives to better serve our community:

- Reassigned starting points (school zones)
- Added one (1) Automated Side Load Truck
- Initiated manual pick up in cul-de-sac (cars parked on street)
- Route Supervisor on-site for service days

Contact Information:

Republic Services
13630 Fondren Rd.
Houston, TX 77085
(713) 937-9955

Service Hours -

No earlier than 7:00 AM and no later than 8:00 PM.

Holiday Schedule:

Republic observes the following holidays: Christmas, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Independence Day and New Years Day. Holiday service is provided on the next scheduled service day.

Standard Trash Protocol

Unacceptable Items:

Dead Animals over 10 lbs, Ammunition or Explosives, Arsenic, Chemicals not in original containers, Chemical containers over five (5) gallons, Mercury, Nuclear/radioactive waste, Thermometers, Fluorescent Light bulbs, Unidentified Chemicals, Gasoline, Oil, Insecticides, Flammable Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, Paint, Stain, Varnish, Solvent, Batteries, Power

Steering Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Anti-Freeze/Coolant, Oil Filters, Herbicides, Poison, Pesticides, Medical Waste, and Propane Tanks.

Heavy Trash Protocol

Scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month

Acceptable Items:

Household Appliances, (Refrigerators must have Freon drained and be tagged accordingly by certified technician), Hot Water Heaters must be drained, Furniture, Grills must be emptied of ash or briquettes, without propane tank.

Unacceptable Items:

Wood, Carpet, Nails, Tile, Sheetrock or drywall, Paneling, Windows, Doors, Insulation, Masonry debris, Stone, Roofing material, Tree trunks, Pool filters, Water softeners, Lawn mowers, Tires, Concrete, Steel or cast iron building materials, Dirt in large quantities.

Packing Peanut Protocol

Packing peanuts may not be offered loose, they must be bagged. Drivers will not clean up packing peanut spills.

Yard Waste Protocol

All Yard Waste, Bulky Waste and Bundles, that will not fit in the provided Ninety-Five (95) Gallon Cart, shall be placed within five (5) feet of the roadway, as practical as possible without interfering with

or endangering the movement of vehicles or pedestrians, and shall be collected, limited to once monthly, on the last Wednesday of each month.

Trash Container Protocol

- Container size: 95 gallons in volume (Cart provided by Republic)
- All waste must be bagged and tied (Contained in Cart)
- No free floating liquids in container

Recycling Protocol

Acceptable Items:

Loose OCC (cardboard) Containers, Newspaper, Steel and Tin Cans (i.e. vegetable or soup cans), P.E.T. - plastics with the #2 on them, HDPE Natural (i.e. milk jugs), HDPE Pigmented (i.e. laundry detergent bottles), Aluminum, Junk Mail, Magazines, Phone Books, Office Paper, Paper, Plastic Bags, Paper Bags

Unacceptable Items:

Glass, Metal, Trash, Dead Animals, Ammunition or Explosives, Arsenic, Chemicals not in original containers, Chemical containers over five (5) gallons, Mercury, Nuclear/radioactive waste, Thermometers, Fluorescent Light bulbs, Unidentified Chemicals, Gasoline, Oil, Insecticides, Flammable Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, Paint, Stain, Varnish, Solvent, Batteries, Power Steering Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Anti-Freeze/Coolant, Used Oil Filters, Herbicides, Poison, Pesticides, Medical Waste, Propane Tanks.



We at Kingsbridge want to ensure our residents are happy and well informed regarding any district related happenings. Don't forget, the board of directors are usually residents here too. Naturally, as elected officials, we strive to keep the district safe and operational while keeping the district finances in order and as reasonable as possible. If you have any general questions you may contact the communications consultant at admin@kingsbridgemud.com or by visiting our web site at www.kingsbridgemud.com. Below we've also listed relevant district contact info for district related personnel.

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OTHER CONTACTS:

Trash Pickup
Allied Waste 713-937-9955

Water Leaks
Southwest Water Co. 281-240-1700

Gas Leaks –
Centerpoint Energy 800-752-8036

Sheriff's Dept. –
Fort Bend 281-342-6116

IMPORTANT DATES:

Board of Director Meetings -
First Thursday of each month

Heavy Trash Pickup -
Last Wednesday of each month.

Kingsbridgemud.com for more info