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Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 10,
2004, 10:00 am at the
District Office

Board Meetings
Second Friday of the
month at 8:30am at
the District Offices.
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GARBAGE SERVICE

Effective March 1, 2004, garbage cans greater than 32 gallons in size or weighing more than 60 pounds will no longer be emptied.

Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Company strives to provide and maintain a safe and healthy workplace for all employees in accordance with California Labor Law and the California Occupational Safety and Health Act. Collection drivers are often required to lift containers above their heads, which is particularly dangerous in icy conditions. For this reason, containers in excess of 32 gallons pose a serious risk of injury. To comply with safety practices set forth by state agencies and owing to a history of employee back injuries, we must adopt special handling procedures to deal with containers exceeding 32 gallons in volume. We strongly encourage customers to replace existing oversized containers with ones not to exceed 32-gallons in volume.

We have instructed our drivers not to lift any containers exceeding 32-gallons in volume or 60 pounds in weight. Customers will be responsible for repacking contents of unserviced containers into smaller containers. They may place them out on the service day of the following week or, at no charge, call the office to schedule a special collection pickup.

In order to reduce weekly garbage volume, we would remind you of the benefits of recycling through our curbside blue bag program. Acceptable recyclable items placed in recycle blue bags will be collected without charge on your service day. We have included program information on the back of this letter and invite you to call with any questions. We also strongly recommend that all cans be covered with lids, as this will reduce littering due to wind.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal Company

POSITIVE BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLES

The District has recently collected water samples that have tested positively for the presence of coliform bacteria, an omnipresent strain of bacteria. Per State law, the District began a chlorination protocol, in order to oxidize any possible contamination, as well as advertising in the local paper and mailing an announcement to each customer. Though the samples tested positive for the presence of coliform bacteria, the samples tested negative for the presence of fecal coliform, which would indicate a significant contamination event. This is indicative of samples which were contaminated either in collection or analysis. The District is taking positive steps to identify, reduce and/or eliminate the potential for either of these scenarios in the future.

Because we strive to provide our customers with the highest quality water available via Mother Nature, with as little chemical addition as possible, the operations staff limits the use of chlorine in the system. Without a residual oxidizing agent in the water (chlorine or equivalent), the samples are vulnerable to the inadvertent coliform contamination listed above. We ask for your understanding and patience. Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

3 WAYS TO SAVE WATER

ECONOMIZE: A lot of water goes needlessly down the drain. Look for ways to use less whenever you can.

REPAIR LEAKS: A single dripping faucet or running toilet can waste hundreds, even thousands of gallons per year.

INSTALL WATER-SAVING DEVICES: Cut your water use with aerators (to mix air with water), and displacement devices (to reduce the amount of water used in older toilets).

DISTRICT POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Springs County Water District has adopted "Policy Governance" as its governance model. This means that the Board acts by way of policy rather than as a function of issue/decision. Policies, under the model are constructed to provide the General Manager with the parameters within which action is acceptable to the Board. As you might imagine, the Board has been busy over the past year or so developing these policies. And we aren't done yet.

So that our customers (and constituents) can access those polices more easily, we have posted them on the District web page, where they are segregated by category (i.e. administrative, budget & finance, etc...).

If you are interested in understanding the Boards "vision" for the District, with any luck, it can be found in our policy. Let us know what you think.

COMMUNITY PARK

The Alpine Springs Community Park has closed for the year. It was a good year for the Park. Water quality in the pond was very good this year. Park pass sales were brisk. Thanks to all of those who support our community park! We will be sending out park pass application forms to last years pass holders. Be looking for them in the mail in May 2004.

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