

April Newsletter

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Interesting Community Information - Did You Know?

Did you know that KMPUD is not responsible for the maintenance or repairs of Kirkwood Meadows Drive?

Did you know that there was a peak wind gust of 181 mph at the top of Chair 10-Thimble Peak on Thursday, March 14th, 2024?



Many common products that we use in our daily lives contain potentially hazardous materials and require special care when disposed of. It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in the garbage, down storm drains, or onto the ground. Regulations to protect public health and the environment have been changing. This is because we now know that some common items that have traditionally been thrown in your household's or small business' trash cannot be safely disposed of in landfills. These common items are referred to as hazardous waste, and some of them as "universal waste" (u-waste).

What is Banned

- Fluorescent lamps and tubes, batteries, computer and television monitors, and electronic devices.

Do not throw electronic devices in the trash!

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has tested many electronic devices, including tube-type and flat panel televisions and computer monitors, laptop computers, computers, central processing units (CPU), printers, radios, microwave ovens, video cassette recorders (VCR), cell phones, cordless phones, and telephone answering machines. The devices that DTSC tested contained concentrations of metals

- Mercury-Containing Items: Electrical switches and relays, Thermostats with mercury, pilot light sensors, and mercury gauges to name a few.
- Latex paint, oil-based paint, nonempty aerosol, and solvent cans.
- Antifreeze, car batteries, motor oil and filters, and tires.
- Photo waste, aerosol cans with hazardous materials, PCB-containing materials, and compressed gas cylinders.

(lead and copper) high enough to make them hazardous wastes when they are discarded.



Drinking Water Week - May 5-11, 2024

Drinking Water Week is a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

The Drinking Water Week takes the opportunity to encourage us to learn about your local drinking water. Discover its journey from its source to your faucet, and the efforts that go into ensuring safety and high quality. Understanding our water is the first step to conserving and protecting it.

Kirkwood Valley's domestic water is currently supplied by four groundwater wells owned and operated by the District and located throughout the Kirkwood Valley with a combined peak production of 225 gallons per minute with a storage capacity of 950,000 gallons. The District's water distribution system consists of approximately five miles of pipelines. Total water demand for the District varies from 12 ? 15 million gallons per year at the current 50% build-out of the community.

What is the Board Doing Now?

Fire and Emergency Services - TAC

We want to thank the Kirkwood community for all your comments and feedback from the recent survey with reference to the future of the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department. Please click this [link](#) and learn more about the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department 2024 Survey Supplement- FAQs.

After hearing the recommendations from the Temporary Advisory Committee (TAC), the Board. The Board is directed the Staff on the next steps.

- Staff creates and distributes a Request for Proposal to various firms to conduct a 218 process. Once proposals are received, Staff to evaluate and make a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- Fire Chief to evaluate future budget options for the KVFD that would allow for full and/or part-time professional staffing, considering and presenting multiple options that range from the Minimum and up to the Basic proposals presented in the survey.

- General Manager to explore and present options for budgeting, staffing, and the organizational structure changes that would enable full and/or part-time professional staffing, including the position of the Fire Chief, beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Staff continues conversations with Kirkwood Mountain Resort regarding funding and the exploration of opportunities for collaboration and complementary efforts for fire and emergency medical services.
- Staff to investigate sources of funding other than from property owners, including, but not limited to, State Assistance by Hire, Transient Occupancy Tax, and Mutual Aid Agreements.

What you should never flush down the toilet?

Throughout your time as a homeowner, you are going to encounter moments that prompt the above question. At some point, we are all tempted to flush something down the toilet, or rinse down the drain, an item we know doesn't belong. It may seem harmless, or save you time at the moment, but these little lapses in diligence can cost you major hassle, headache, and money in the long term. There are certain items you should never flush down the toilet to keep your system running smoothly. To ensure that your pipes stay clog-free, here is a list of items you should truly avoid flushing down the toilet.

These following items are not good for your plumbing and can eventually cause plumbing issues including clogging and items getting caught in the pipes down the line. Additionally, a few of these items are toxic and harmful, causing damage to our environment. We invite you to [read](#) more details of why the following should not be flushed down any toilet.

- Baby and Personal Wipes
- Q-Tips, Cotton Pads, Cotton Products
- Menstrual Products and Diapers
- Dental Floss and Hair
- Paper Towels and Tissues
- Rope, Towels, and Rags
- Medication
- Cigarette Butts
- Gum
- Cooking Grease
- Fish
- Food
- Bleach, Paint, Hazardous Chemicals
- Antifreeze

It's a Toilet, Not a Trash Can!

Never flush the following items (or put them down the garbage disposal or drain).
Toss them in the trash instead.

- Baby/Facial/Cleaning Wipes
- Tampons
- Sanitary Napkins
- Medication
- Hair
- Dental Floss
- Cotton Swabs/Balls
- Bandages
- Rags and Towels
- Rubber Items (like latex gloves)
- Fat, Cooking Oil, Grease
- Clothing Labels
- Candy/Food Wrappers
- Syringes
- Cigarette Butts
- Disposable Toilet Brushes
- Kitty Litter
- Aquarium Gravel
- Plastic Items
- Diapers
- Fruit Stickers
- Paper Towels



- Cat Litter

New Fork Attachments for Loaders

The District, on behalf of all our customers, would like to thank Aces Waste Services for the donation of a new, custom fork attachment for our equipment! This attachment will allow District staff to move the dumpsters with greater ease and less damage.



They also annually donate the large item and e-waste dumpster to the people of Kirkwood. Aces Waste Services has been the District's solid waste hauler for decades and has provided Kirkwood consistent superior service, often going above and beyond for our customers. Thank you to Joe, Paul, Paul Jr., Johnny and our regular driver Will. We appreciate your excellent service.