

Winter Preparations

The leaves are falling and the nights are getting chilly. Now is the time get your home ready for winter. Following is a checklist with tips to help you guard your home against freezing temperatures, help keep you comfortable and to save you money by reducing energy consumption. Some of the items that may need to be on your winter preparations checklist include:

- Make sure your Snow Removal Contract is in place.
- Mark your Water shut-off and ensure that it's accessible.
- Give your heating system a test run so you know it will work properly when you need it.
- Replace the filter on your furnace.
- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Stock fire wood.
- Buy an extra snow shovel and put in an accessible place.
- Examine doors and windows for gaps where warm air can escape and apply caulk or weather stripping around drafty areas.
- Make sure chimneys and fireplaces are checked and cleaned.



Labor Day Weekend Re-Cap

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department's (KVFD) fundraising events over the summer! Your support is a necessary component in fire department funding and aids in providing for the safety of the firefighters while protecting your home. The 38th Annual 5K/10K & Kids Fun Run kicked off the weekend the morning of Saturday, September 1st. 93 runners participated in the race with all of the proceeds benefitting KVFD. The Annual 'Thin Air' Chili Cook Off, sponsored by the Kirkwood Community Association, took place on the Village Plaza after the race was finished. This annual community event featured the region's top chili makers, wineries and breweries, live music by the Wesley Orsolio Band and a Kid's Zone with face painting and a bounce house. Net proceeds benefitted both KVFD and the Kirkwood Rescue Avalanche Dog Foundation. If you couldn't make it to any of our fundraising events over the summer and you would like to make a donation to KVFD, follow this link: <https://www.kmpud.com/departments/fire-department/volunteer-fire-department-donation/>



Kids Fun Run Saturday, September 1st, 2018

What Not To Flush

Many materials frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm your plumbing and Kirkwood's collection system. Putting these items down the drain can damage the system, causing sewer backups in your home or sewage spills to the environment. Certain problem products can clump together, do not easily biodegrade, and can create potential blockages. Even if the product is advertised as flushable, these items can create serious plumbing issues. Additionally, these products can create problems for the pumps and biological processes at the wastewater treatment plant. Please avoid flushing the following items down your toilets and drains:



- **Feminine Products/Tampons**
- **Condoms**
- **Cooking Grease/Food**
- **Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes**
- **Cleaning Pads/Swiffers**
- **Dental Floss**
- **Q-tips/Cotton Balls**
- **Diapers**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Small Plastic Products**
- **Wash Cloths/Towels/Rags**
- **Paint/Sealants/Solvents**
- **Hazardous Chemicals**
- **Cigarette Butts**
- **Band-Aids**
- **Cat Litter**
- **Prescription Medications**
- **Hair**

If you use your home as a ski or summer rental, please post of a list of these items in your home so that your guests are aware of this issue to help avoid costly and inconvenient plumbing crises for you and the community.

eScrip

Thank you to everyone that has joined eScrip! Your online purchases have benefitted the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department. If you have not already joined eScrip and you shop online with Amazon, Macy's or Target among hundreds of other stores, the KVFD can start benefiting now from your purchases! Visit www.escrip.com for more information and to sign up. Please note: eScrip's group search engine is driven by your zip code, as their merchants want to support organizations in their immediate area. If you are signing up from your home outside of Kirkwood, please click on "Advanced Search" and enter a key word such as Kirkwood to locate our group, the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department. We thank you again for your support!

How to Register Your Account

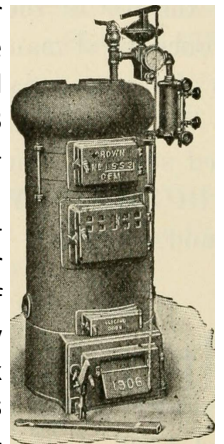
The District encourages you to register your account on www.kmpud.com Once registered, you will be able to monitor your utility usage, access billing invoices and sign up to receive emergency and community notifications. Follow this step-by-step guide to register your account:

- **Log on to www.kmpud.com**
- **Click on Register**
- **Fill out New User Registration**
- **User name will be email address entered**
- **An authorizing email will be sent from info@kmpud.com**
- **Click on link to activate your account.**
- **Fill out My Profile section**
- **Register your property by going to Manage Properties. This can be done by using Street address, Condo, or Lot number.**
- **Input KMPUD account number**

If you have questions call the District office at (209)258-4444.

Old Water Heaters

Have you inspected your water heater recently? The typical life of a conventional tank water heater is 10-13 years. A water heater failure is always unexpected and can cause costly damage. If you think your water heater is nearing the end of it's life, call your property manager or follow the link below for a list of plumbers and handymen that can inspect your water heater and give you advice. <https://www.kmpud.com/community/kirkwood-service-providers/>



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