

## Why Does My Water Sometimes Smell Like Chlorine?

Chlorine is a crucial part of water treatment, with small amounts of chlorine added to public water sources and treatment plants to eliminate traces of bacteria, viruses, and parasites as the water travels to its point of use. These small traces of chlorine in your water are not harmful and are required by the California Department of Drinking Water ('DDW') and the Environmental Protection Agency ('EPA') to disinfect water before it is distributed to our customers. DDW and the EPA require that chlorine residual levels in public water systems be maintained between 0.2 mg/L and 4mg/L. Generally, KMPUD operates its system around 1 mg/L, which has not changed since February 2017. However, some customers can be sensitive to changes in chlorine levels and will notice the fluctuations more than others. These changes do not signal a significant change in chlorine in the system but is more likely due to lack of use in a particular area of the system, recent chlorine dosing, or a change in outside temperatures indicating that the chlorine is dissipating more quickly in a certain area. These changes in the chlorine taste and odor generally pass on their own after a few hours and are not cause for alarm. Even though these changes may be detected, the chlorine level is still well within the accepted range as set by the DDW and EPA.



To eliminate the chlorine smell from your water try filling a pitcher of tap water and then cover it and put it in the refrigerator. You can then drink it after it has chilled for a while because the smell will have dissipated naturally while cooling. Don't drink water that has sat for longer than 24 hours and instead fill the pitcher with fresh water. You can also try boiling your water for about five minutes to remove the odor and then store it in your fridge as well.

Should you have further questions, KMPUD annually publishes a Consumer Confidence Report on our website at <https://www.kmpud.com/wp-content/uploads/Consumer-Confidence-Report-2017.pdf>

## Recycle!

Orange bags for disposing of your recyclables are provided by ACES Waste Services and can be picked up at the District office, located on Loop Road, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Place a mix of your recyclables in the orange bags then dispose with your regular garbage. The orange bags are then sorted out at the ACES Waste Services facility in Lone, CA and sent to a large recycling center. This method of recycling allows a mix of recyclables in one bag and significantly increases the recovery of recyclable materials. If you have questions, call the District office at (209)258-4444.

### Acceptable Recyclables

Paper & Cardboard  
Aluminum Cans &  
Clean Foil  
Glass Jars & Bottles  
Plastic Bottles  
Plastic Containers  
Gift Wrap



## Where Does Our Electric Power Come From?

Since November 1, 2014, the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District has purchased all of its power off of the Western power grid except for emergency diesel generation. The Power Content Label on the right describes the sources of the electricity that the District produced and purchased during 2017. The District's purchases of grid power are categorized as "Unspecified sources of power," while the emergency diesel generation is classified as "Other."

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact the District at 209-258-4444. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at 1-844-217-4925 or <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1305/>.

2017 POWER CONTENT LABEL		
ENERGY RESOURCES	Power Mix	2017 CA Power Mix**
<b>Eligible Renewable</b>	0%	29%
Biomass & biowaste	0%	2%
Geothermal	0%	4%
Eligible hydroelectric	0%	3%
Solar	0%	10%
Wind	0%	10%
Coal	0%	4%
Large Hydroelectric	0%	15%
Natural Gas	0%	34%
Nuclear	0%	9%
Other	5%	<1%
Unspecified sources of power*	95%	9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* "Unspecified sources of power" means electricity from transactions that are not traceable to specific generation sources.

\*\* Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the identified year.

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For general information about the Power Content Label, please visit:	<a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/">http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/</a>
For additional questions, please contact the California Energy Commission at:	844-454-2906

## Chipping Program

Do you have broken limbs and downed trees on your property? Take advantage of the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department's (KVFD) free roadside wood chipping program. With funds raised at the 2014 Kirkwood Summer Festival, the annual KVFD fundraiser, a wood chipper was purchased to help Kirkwood homeowners create defensible space around their homes. Having 100 feet of defensible space around your home, as required by California law, dramatically increases the chance of your house surviving a wildfire and provides safety for firefighters when protecting your home. The chipping program begins each spring after the snow has melted and ends in the Fall when snowfall prohibits. Here's what you need to know:

- Stack cut brush and limbs **up to 4 inches** in diameter within **5 feet of the road edge**, with cut ends facing toward the road, no higher than 4 feet. Pile in windrows like firewood, not heaped like a beaver dam. Keep materials free of mud, rocks, wire or other items.
- Do not stack in the road, next to fire hydrants, culverts or in any way that will impede traffic on the road.
- No building debris, natural material only. Materials that cannot be chipped for any reason, including incorrectly stacked materials, will not be chipped.
- District staff regularly patrols the valley and chips roadside material on a regular basis. All chipped material will be returned to the homeowner's property.



## New Operations Staff



The District would like to introduce you to the newest member of our Operations staff. Joe Forrest joined the District full-time on August 6, 2018 as our new Electric/Propane Operator 1. Joe moved to Kirkwood from

Wisconsin in 2000 and worked for Mountain Utilities for 2 years. For the past 10 years Joe has worked for the District seasonally as a Snow Removal Operator. Joe brings to the District an extensive knowledge of Kirkwood and in-depth experience in District operations. In his free time Joe enjoys winning disc golf tournaments, snowboarding, fishing, and hiking. Please join us in congratulating Joe and welcoming him as a full-time District employee.

## News Around the Valley

### Vail Resort's Epic Promise Week **Saturday, September 15, 2018**

Vail Resort's Epic Promise Program is partnering with Girl Scouts of Northern California this year. Bring the family out to the Two Sentinels Girl Scout Camp, located at Kirkwood Lake, for a day of fun:

- Performing maintenance work on existing trails
- Painting various buildings and decks
- Removing felled trees
- Constructing benches

For more information and to sign-up, visit:

[www.EpicPromise.com/  
Register](http://www.EpicPromise.com/Register)



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