



September 2025 Newsletter

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New KMPUD General Manager



On September 5, the KMPUD Board promoted Rick Ansel to become the District's General Manager, replacing Erik Christeson, who retired from service. With almost two decades of experience with the District, Rick brings a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge to the role. In his time with the District, Rick has overseen major projects, like the recent rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and has managed the District's snow removal operations. In addition to his paid work for the District, Rick has volunteered as the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief. As Rick considers his new role, he said, "one of my core goals as a General Manager is to build lasting, trust-based relationships with customers and employees alike."

The KMPUD Board and Staff look forward to working with Rick and thank Erik for his eight years of service to the District, wishing him and his family all the best in his retirement.

Home Hazardous Materials



Many common products that we use in our daily lives contain potentially hazardous materials and require special care when disposing of them. 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.

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.

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

How to Dispose of Hazardous Waste:

KMPUD does not accept hazardous waste disposal at the dumpster pad. Dumpsters in this location are for the disposal of non-hazardous household trash only. For hazardous waste disposal, or to arrange for a construction dumpster, please contact Republic Services <https://www.republicservices.com/>.



Seasonal Reminders



The Playground

Memorial Day often marks the beginning of summer just as Labor Day signals its end. As KMPUD prepares for the close of the season, one of the annual tasks is removing the playground equipment for winter storage. This work typically takes place in September or October to protect the integrity of the equipment so that it is suitable for many years of use. The playground will be missed during the winter months, but it will be installed again in late spring or early summer.



Please note that KMPUD does not own, lease, or maintain any courts or other sports facilities or equipment in the area of the playground.

Green Waste Container



You still have time to bring your branches and limbs down to the green waste container which is still available and located on the north side of the dumpster pad, on Loop Road. The green waste container will remain in place until October 15th.

This container is intended to assist Kirkwood residents in disposal of green waste defensible space-type debris only. Examples are pine needles, small tree limbs, shrubs, bushes, and willows.

Please follow the instructions posted on the bin.

This container is **NOT** intended for tree trunks, stumps, non-vegetation items, dirt, rock, lumber, or trash.

Chipping

[Kirkwood Firewise USA®](#) has organized another round of chipping through Alpine County September 29th-October 3rd to help support community fire safety efforts. Chipping is offered to both Alpine and Amador County residents. The link above will direct you directly to Firewise's website.

Thank you to Kirkwood Firewise and to Alpine County for providing this service to the community!

KMPUD Community Information - Did You Know ... ?

Did you know there are three picnic tables and a corn-hole game located in the west side of the Meadow near the KMPUD offices? Unlike the playground equipment, these are made to survive the winter conditions and remain up all year. There is a garbage can in the area as well that is designed with wildlife in mind. Come by with your friends and family to have a picnic and enjoy the view of the meadow.



What is the Board Doing Now?



At the September Board meeting, the Board held a public meeting to discuss the Water/Wastewater Rate study and adopt new rates. There was also a continued discussion of the proposed restructuring of the Fire Department, which may significantly impact KMPUD customers.

We encourage the community to watch the recent meeting at kmpud.com and read the [Board packet](#). Look for communications from KMPUD on next steps to address the critical issues around KVFD.

Kirkwood is your District, and your input and participation are valuable. Click [here](#) to view the Community Calendar of upcoming Board and Committee meetings. We encourage your participation at our meetings. Click [here](#) to learn about the agenda. And click [here](#) to access past Board of Directors meetings.

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