CCMD

NEWS

OCT 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting October 13th October 28th 5:30 pm 4770 Horizonview Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Save the Dates:

Payment Due - October 15, 2021

Late Fee Charged - October 26, 2021

Meter Read Date - October 31, 2021

SHUT OFF DAY – November 1, 2021 (\$30.00 Disconnect fee) (\$30.00 Reconnect fee) (Habitual Offender Additional \$100.00 Deposit Required)

<u>Updates</u>

It's Fire Hydrant Flushing Time! – NFPA 291 provides guidance on fire flow tests of hydrants to determine available fire service water supply and to identify possible deficiencies ensure adequate fire flows as needed. We will perform tests on CCMD hydrants the week of 18-22 October. Residents should try to avoid doing laundry during this period as small amounts of sediment can dislodge and get into your waterlines resulting in stains on your laundry. If you absolutely need to wash a few things, ensure you flush your lines beforehand by running the water for a few minutes.

Get ahead of Winter by considering these Safety tips:

- Furnaces need to be inspected and serviced by a qualified professional at least once a year.
- Chimneys and vents should be cleaned, inspected checked for creosote built-up at least annually. (Creosote buildup is the leading cause of chimney fires)
- Fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass—make sure yours is in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- Have a covered metal container ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- Children should know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Portable space heaters must have an automatic shut-off function in case of malfunctions or tipping. They should be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people.
- Test smoke alarms and make sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)
- Test carbon monoxide alarms and make sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips -When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out. Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume. <u>Remember that we</u> <u>usually get our first snowfall on or about Halloween Day!</u>

Frost/Freeze/Cold Weather_– It's a good idea to disconnect outdoor hoses and to turn off and drain/blowout your lawn sprinkler system. Residual water left in the system can freeze and expand resulting in severe and costly damage to the system.

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