

# Harris County MUD 127

News, Tips & Updates

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## Spring Has Sprung — Check for Leaks!

As we move into warmer months, we're all likely to use more water. If you haven't yet performed a regular maintenance check for all your water-related outlets and devices, now is a good time.

Sprinkler systems are an obvious choice for regular checks. One broken head and your water bill will definitely soar. Not so obvious are leaking toilets.

To see if your toilet tanks are leaking water to the bowls, use a small dye tablet in the tank, like the ones distributed for free at MUD 127 events. You can also check your local hardware or plumbing store for availability, or try dropping a small amount of food coloring in the tank and see if it seeps into the bowl.

It's always a good idea to periodically check your yard and sidewalk (if you have one) for sinking spots, unusual dampness, or pooling water, any of which may signal a leak in a subsurface pipe. Otherwise, it may be too late by the time your bill shows up and you discover your water usage has dramatically increased for no visible reason.

Keep in mind that leaks in lines running from the water meter to a residence are the property owner's responsibility, while leaks on the other side of the meter are the MUD District's responsibility.

## “What's in My Water?” Upcoming Town Hall

In order to ensure our tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations prescribe limits for up to 97 contaminants in public water systems, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) assesses our systems accordingly.

Each year in June, MUD 127 publishes its Annual Water Quality Report detailing the findings of this assessment. To aid in understanding the report and the quality of our drinking water, the Board of Directors of MUD 127 are planning a Town Hall meeting, likely in late July or August. Stay tuned for exact date, time and place.

## Keep Our Green Spaces Clear of Trash & Yard Debris

According to experts on quality of life issues, green spaces and parks can provide a number of physical and psychological benefits. In MUD 127, many residents take advantage of the green belts next to the expansive drainage channels by walking, running, bicycling, and strolling with children and pets.

Recognizing these benefits, the District now employs a landscape contractor to regularly maintain the green spaces. In order for the contractor to do the job effectively, the District needs the cooperation of residents. If your property abuts or backs up to a green space, please keep the area just outside of your fence line free of yard waste, construction debris and other trash. No question about it: it is the owner's responsibility — or in the case of rentals, the renter's responsibility — to remove waste items placed in the green space.

Here are two examples that need action:



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