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SNOW REMOVAL FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

Chatfield's volunteer fire department is asking residents for help clearing snow from fire hydrants. If you have a hydrant on or near your property please take time to clear snow from the hydrant. This will allow rapid access to water, helping firefighters do their jobs quickly.

Keeping fire hydrants visible and easily accessible can save precious time and potentially save precious lives



and property. Thank you for your cooperation.

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SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR SEWER BACKS UP

When a sewer blockage occurs, a sewer backup can affect multiple properties. Sewer backups are very costly and pose a threat to the health and safety of residents.

If you experience a back up, immediately contact:

Public Works: 507-867-3810 (Mon-Fri 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.)

After Hours: 507-273-9597 Brian Burkholder or 9-1-1 to have Public Works dispatched.

First call the City when you have a sewer backup or blockage, so we can investigate whose responsibility it is and what steps need to be taken next.

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance, repair and cleaning of the sanitary sewer service line from the house to the city main line.

The city is not automatically responsible when a backup occurs, as there are many reasons for backups which the city cannot control. For example, people dumping inappropriate items, such as grease, wipes or diapers, can create a blockage.

WHAT'S OK TO FLUSH?

Residents play an important role in preventing backups. Please do not flush or pour anything down a drain that could clog the sewer system or damage the wastewater pumping or treatment facility.

OK TO FLUSH

- Toilet paper
- Body waste
- Pet waste

DO NOT FLUSH

Dispose of these products in your household garbage, recycling or other approved waste disposal means:

- Fats, oils, grease
- Wipes, "flushable" wipes, baby wipes, disinfecting wipes
- Diapers, tampons, pads
- Paper towels, cleaning wipes, Swiffer cleaning pads
- Garbage, sand, metals, wood, straw or grass, wastepaper, plastics, glass and cat litter (including so called "flushable" cat litter)
- Flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gasses
- Any substance that is toxic to the treatment facilities or workers in the facilities

COMMON REASONS FOR SEWER BACKUPS AND BLOCKAGES

FATS, OILS OR GREASE PUT INTO SINKS

Dispose of fats, oils and

grease in the garbage and avoid using the garbage disposal to put foods down the drain.

Vegetables, meat scraps, butter, cooking oils, and many other foods deposit grease and solids that can build up in pipes eventually creating blockages.

The fats, oils and grease harden when they go down the drain and clog pipes.

Let melted oils used for cooking solidify in a container before placing them in the garbage.

ROOTS

Know where your service line is located and avoid planting trees and shrubs near it. Roots can creep into the sewer pipe joints and eventually cause a blockage.

The best way to remove roots is to call a professional sewer cleaning service.

CRACKED OR COLLAPSED PIPE

The service pipe may need to be replaced if the pipe is cracked or collapsed.

Changes in weather affect the ground greatly. Going from season to season, drought to wet or even hot to cold can cause the ground to shift causing cracks and breakages in service lines.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day - City Offices Closed
4 7:00 PM Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	5 Recycling Collection	6 Fillmore County Residents Garbage Collection	7 Olmsted County Residents Garbage Collection 7:00 PM Library Board	8 6:00 PM The Chosen Bean Presents Johnsmith
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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