

Vaughn Cascade County
Water & Sewer District

Contact information

Main office: 406-964-8880 M-TH 9:00 – 12:00

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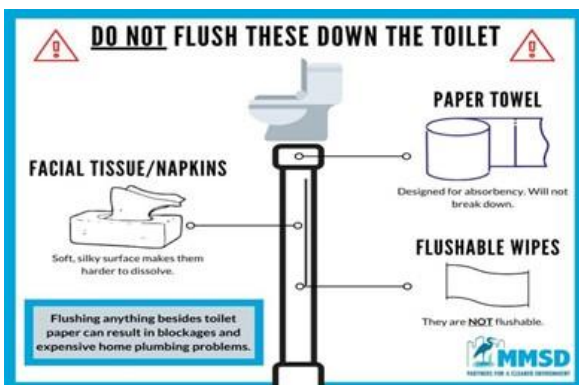
2020 Fall Newsletter

These items plug and clog sewer mains. break aerators in the lagoons, clog sewer pumps in lift stations... and all these breaks cost the District in repairs.

The Operator has been cleaning the lagoon aerators of “flushable wipes”. They are **NOT** flushable.

So PLEASE remember.... Flushable wipes are NOT FLUSHABLE. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper.

September 2020 Lagoon aerator cleanup/ flushable wipes.



COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

Due to the recent events of COVID-19, our office will be **closed** to the public until conditions improve. Payments can be made by mail (1161 6 AVE, Vaughn, MT 59487) or using the drop box at the office.

If you have to pay by cash:

- 1) place in sealed envelope with payment stub
- 2) write on envelope the amount enclosed
- 3) place in drop box
- 4) receipt will be mailed

Cash payments are always counted by 2 people.

Staff will be available to answer phones 9:00 - 12:00 Mon -Thurs.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

When one neighbor helps another, we strengthen our community. Check on your neighbor during these uncertain times.

CDC recommends staying at least 6 ft from others and wear a mask when in public.

✚ Accepting Credit Cards:

We are now able to accept credit cards. There will be a surcharge of 5% per transaction. This charge is for payment by credit/debit card only. You will still have the option to pay by check or cash without any additional fee. We can email your invoice to you and you can pay via email.

✚ Water system upgrade:

- 1) The District has gone to bid to find a contractor for the water system upgrade. Construction should start mid to end of October.
- 2) Construction will include another water tank, well and chemical feed pumps, Loop in Dead-end mains to improve flow along with several other things.

✚ The Berkadia loan payoff:

The District has an old water loan from 1984 (Berkadia Loan). The Berkadia loan was due to be paid off in 2025 (41 years). There were late and missed payment before 2017 and is the reason it is taking longer to pay off. The Berkadia loan is being refinanced with a Coal Severance Tax loan. The loan amount will be \$70,262. The Coal Loan will be paid off in 2025 and will save the District \$21,604 over the next 5 years.

✚ Fire Hydrant repairs and replacements:

Over the past year Rusty has repaired 4 and replaced 4 of the broken fire hydrants throughout the system. The cost to fix/replace these fire hydrants were \$21,501.30. If the District had to call a contractor to replace the fire hydrants would have been approximately \$34,700.00 which does not include repairing 4 hydrants. Saving the district \$13,198.70.

✚ Generator

Influent lift station was repaired by an employee for \$40.00 (labor). A new generator would have cost the District approximately \$45,000. Saving the District \$44,960.00.

✚ Sweet and Savory Pumpkin recipe:

1) Pumpkin Butter:

Total Time

Prep: 5 min. Cook: 20 min. + cooling

Makes

6 cups

Ingredients

3 cans (15 ounces each) pumpkin

1-1/2 cups water

1 tablespoon grated lemon zest

3/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon ground ginger

2 cups sugar

3 tablespoons lemon juice

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

3/4 teaspoons ground nutmeg

Directions

- In a large saucepan, combine all ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes to allow flavors to blend.
- Cool. Spoon into jars. Cover and store in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

