

FRUITLAND MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

To the Members of Fruitland Mutual Water Company:

Each year Fruitland Mutual Water Company members elect several board of directors from a slate of candidates. These candidates may be new or may be existing board members seeking reelection. If you would like to serve on the board for the Fruitland Mutual Water Company, or have a candidate to nominate, please send the candidate's name to our office. Candidate's must be members of the Fruitland Mutual Water Company in order to qualify. Before submitting a nomination, it is required that you have the candidate's permission and signature of two other Fruitland Mutual Water Company members for validation. Please include a brief biography and qualifications of the person nominated. To give the nomination committee time for preparation of the ballot, please submit your nominations as early as possible. Proposals for bylaw changes will be received for review by the Board of Directors. Proposed changes must be accompanied by signatures of at least two members. All nominations and proposals must be received at the Company office (4001 9th St SW) no later than 4:30pm on January 3rd, 2017.



Water main replacement at 124th St E

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In an effort to cut down on costs please provide us with your email address. Fruitland Water can now email both the Water Quality Report and newsletter to you.

Up and coming

- Chick-Fil-A at 39th Ave & Meridian



- Memory Center at 39th Ave & 5th St SE



- Water main and service replacement at 98th Ave E/118th to 128th St E
- New fire station at 39th Ave & 5th St SE



Detecting Leaks in Your Home

Tracing a leak in your home's plumbing can be tricky, but it is necessary to avoid the potential damage that leaking pipes can cause. Finding the source of the leak depends largely on the type of leak you have. A leaking pipe under your sink is easier to find than one that is blocked by ceilings or walls. The first step to tracing the leaking pipe is to determine that you do indeed have a leak, and then you must inspect each room of your home.

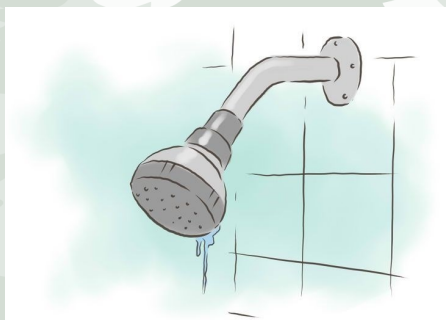
To confirm a leak, move appliances out of their location wherever possible to look for the source of the moisture. A damaged supply line on a dishwasher, for example, will leak water around the appliance. If this does not reveal the source of the moisture, turn off every faucet, appliance, and fixture in your home that uses water, and mark where the needle is pointing on your water meter with a pencil or piece of tape. Leave fixtures, appliances, and faucets off for about eight hours, and read the meter again. If the needle has moved, this indicated a leak somewhere in your plumbing system.

Examine the flooring around fixtures and appliances that use water, including toilets, bathtubs, dishwashers, and refrigerators. Cracked or warped flooring or spongy spots in the floor indicate the presence of moisture and a possible leak. Examine the walls and ceilings in rooms located directly beneath bathrooms as well. Stains on the ceilings or walls, and bubbling or peeling paint or wallpaper, indicate a leak somewhere in those pipes.

Inspect exposed pipes in basements and crawlspaces. Corrosion or moisture present around the pipes indicates a leak. If you see mold, or rotted wood around these pipes, your leak is probably in this area. Water tends to travel downward and often the location of water stains is not the exact location of the leaking pipe. Still, it is a good indicator of the general area of the source of moisture.

Here are some tips for water use in your home:

- Run dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are full. If you have a water-saver cycle, consider using it.
- Adjust the water level of your clothes washer so it matches your load size.
- Regularly check your toilet, faucets, appliances, and pipes for leaks. If you find a leak, have it fixed as soon as possible. One simple check: Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you may have a leak.



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Fruitland Mutual Water invites members to attend the annual board meeting on Thursday February 16, 2017.

