



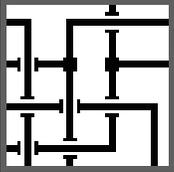
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## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Exciting news...we are about to start a new water infrastructure improvement project!

The **Upper Town Water Main Replacement Project** will replace aged and failing water mains in the Upper Town area. The project calls for replacing the 90+ year old steel mains with new C-900 PVC water mains. The project area is from Ninth Street to Sixteenth Street, and from Third South Street to First North Street. The design work is scheduled to start in January 2016 and, as a result, residents will be seeing surveyors and engineers from Southwest Environmental Consultants, Inc. collecting field data and locating existing utility infrastructure.

After the design phase the Town will hold Public Meetings to provide additional information to residents about the project, project schedules, and potential impacts to residents during the construction phase.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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According to forecasters, there is a high probability that we will see some extreme weather and a very wet winter as a result of the El Nino. As the Town of Clarkdale, the Clarkdale Fire District, and other local government agencies plan for our response on behalf of the community we also encourage our citizens (especially those in flood prone areas) to make a Family Preparedness plan.

**The Town of Clarkdale and the Clarkdale Fire District will host a Flood Preparedness Community Meeting on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**at 6:00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse.** The Fire District will be presenting self-preparedness tips and the Police Department will be reviewing evacuation procedures along with sheltering for family and large or small animals should evacuation be necessary. **Please plan to attend so that you can be better prepared in the face of an emergency.**

They Yavapai County Sheriff's Office now utilizes CodeRED as its Emergency Notification System. With this service they can send messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information when an emergency or time-sensitive issue arises.

You can find additional information and sign up for emergency phone messages through CodeRED at [www.ycsoaz.gov/community/emergency-preparedness/ens/](http://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/emergency-preparedness/ens/).

## Potential Causes of High Water Bills



Water leaks account for approximately 14% of all water use in the average American home. A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. Generally, water consumption is higher in the summer due to outdoor water use. Typically, an average family of four in the winter months will use 4000-5000 gallons of water a month. Here are a few things to check if you get a bill that's higher than usual.

**Check for leaks.** It is important to routinely check your plumbing and home for leaky faucets, toilets, and outside taps and irrigation lines. Irrigation systems should be checked each spring to make sure they were not damaged by freezing.

**Changes in your water use.** Have you had extra guests, watered your lawn more or done something out of the ordinary since your last billing?

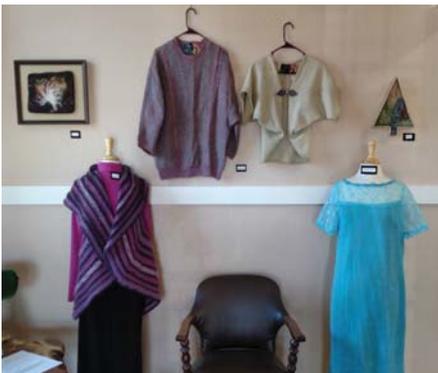
**Water softeners.** Customers with water softeners have higher water bills due to the regeneration or backwash cycles their systems go through. There are times when these systems will get stuck in a cycle which will cause higher water use.

**Toilet and faucet leaks.** Toilets are the most common indoor cause for a high water use. **A "running" toilet can waste 2 gallons of water per minute (...that's 96,000 gallons a month). A "silent leak" in a toilet can waste up to 7,000 gallons of water per month.** Sometimes it is easy to tell that your toilet is leaking - you hear the sound of running water or a faint hissing or trickling. But many times, water flows through the tank silently, which is why these leaks are often overlooked.

### How to Check Your Toilet for Leaks:

- ⇒ Remove the toilet tank lid, flush, and then wait for it to fully refill.
- ⇒ Drop 10 drops of food color or one dye tablet in the tank. Dye tablets are available for free from our **Utilities Department**.
- ⇒ Wait 15 minutes, and then look in the bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak.

If you have a leak, the cause is often an old faulty flapper which can be replaced. If your toilet needs replaced, look for a new WaterSense model. Replacing older toilets with WaterSense labeled units could save a family up to 13,000 gallons per year.



## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES IS BACK

The Art in Public Places annual kick-off features the Verde Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild at the Clark Memorial Library. A variety of handmade fiber arts including woven clothing and household items, jewelry, basketry, tapestry, handspun yarns, decorative window panels, hats and wall art is on display now through the month of February. The Verde Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild formed in 1973 and has continued active membership since that time. In addition to monthly meetings, the Guild has ongoing study groups on weaving techniques, spinning and tapestry, and conducts workshops studying special techniques in weaving, basketry, and dyeing fiber and yarn. Don't miss this spectacular display!