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| Rawls Springs Utility District  April 2011  Volume 2, Issue 2 | | | C:\Documents and Settings\Myrtle\My Documents\My Pictures\Microsoft Clip Organizer\MC900297983[1].wmf | |
| ***Office Number: 601-268-2248***  ***Board of Directors***  *Diane Zachary – President*  *Allen Haralson*  *David Bowles*  *Jimmie Kirkham*  *Robbie Parish*  ***Office Manager***  *Linda Bray*  ***Maintenance***  *Luke Ellis*  *Allen West*  ***Operator***  *David Draughn*  ***Consultant***  *Carl Swann*  ◊◊◊◊◊◊  ***Rawls Springs Utility***  ***District is a member***  ***of the Mississippi Rural Water Association***  ◊◊◊◊◊◊  *Rawls Springs Utility District is dedicated to providing safe drinking water that meets or exceeds all of the State and Federal Government Standards. In addition, the system maintains a sewage system that disposes of wastes in an effective and efficient manner.* | A Greasy Problem | | | |
| Are you aware that whether you are a home cook or a restaurant kitchen, pouring cooking grease down the drain not only causes problems in your home drain, but also causes problems in our sewer system? When hot grease, whether bacon grease or left over frying grease, meets cold water, the problem begins. The | cooling grease hardens and the grease begins to build up in your home and our pipes, causing flow to slow down. Eventually the drain will clog, blocking all flow. It can be a real mess for you and our maintenance crew. As the grease collects, it becomes more likely that a large storm will back sewer into homes. The prevention is simple, don’t pour grease | | down the drain. Even running hot water and soap down the drain will not prevent build up nor break up the grease already there. Dispose of your cooking grease properly in a container and put with your with your garbage. Improper disposal of cooking grease causes expensive problems that can be prevented. |
| Call Before You Dig | | | |
| It is nicer weather and people are out and doing projects that have waited through the winter. Building a deck? Planting a tree? Installing a mailbox? If you are going to be doing any digging, a call to 811 should be a first step. 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky | assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. Every digging job requires a call, even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. Also call if pulling up a tree or shrub as roots may have wrapped around a utility line. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can | | harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs. Smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Whether you are a homeowner or a professional, one call to 811 gets your underground utility lines marked for free. |
| Fun Facts To Know And Tell | | | |
| Virtually every nation relies on the animal resources of the world’s oceans for food, but Russia and Japan are perhaps the two most industrialized fishing nations in the world. | The first water ski was patented by an American in 1924.  The first conservation issue to which President Theodore Roosevelt devoted himself was the | | Irrigation of our arid Western lands for settling. Each year, nearly 10,000 cubic miles of water flows along the world’s rivers to the ocean. |
| Customer Question Corner | | | |
| **Q.** *Why does my water appear milky or cloudy?* **A.** A milky or cloudy appearance is usually caused by air bubbles in | the water, which pose no health risk. If the water is allowed to sit, the air will dissipate and the water will clear. If the cloudiness does  \*\*\*\*\* | | not disappear, please contact the office so that we may investigate. RSUD water meets or exceeds government standards. |
| **Q.** *Who do I call if I have a problem after hours or on the weekend or a holiday?*  **A.** Our maintenance men are on call 24/7. If there | is a problem or you notice a problem, you can call 601-297-7767 or 601-270-0006. In addition, please call the office and leave a message | | on the answering machine so that the problem can be noted and if necessary, followed up with maintenance. |
| National Drinking Water Week | | | |
| Earth Day events take place in April and National Drinking Water Week follows soon after. This year Earth Day is April 22 and Nation Drinking Water Week is May 1 – 7. We think both of these conser-vation efforts are very important to all of us. Water is the foundation for life. People use water every day to meet their domestic, industrial, agricultural, | medical and recreational needs. Access to public water sources that are safe and reliable is crucial for the health and prosperity of a society. National Drinking Water Week is sponsored each year by the American Water Works Association and a number of other organizations and agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency. During the past century, many | | improvements in the health, prosperity and longevity of the U. S. population can be attributed to improvements in water quality. Water treatment, disinfection and fluoridation have made U.S. tap water one of the safest and healthiest drinking water supplies in the world. This year, celebrate with a glass of good Rawls Springs water! |
| What about Bottled Water – Part 2 | | | | |
| Did you know it is actually unlawful for bottled water companies to make health claims about their water? If you do buy bottled water, make sure the bottled water you buy does not make any claims about health benefits. There are many different kinds of bottled water on the market that make drinking water more “fun” and drinking more water is good for you. Sparkling water, natural sparkling water, mineral water, artesian water, natural water, spring water, well water, purified | water and distilled water. All are different in terms of their source and prepara-tion. The safety of bottled water depends on the source of the water. Monitoring and source pro-tection, treatment and testing ultimately deter-mine the quality of both. If the source and treatment of the water are not identified on the label, ask about it by calling or writing for information. Also, bottled water is not required to be date stamped and its quality can deteriorate over time. It is important you | understand that bottled water doesn’t assure quality or purity. Any bacteria in the water at the time of bottling can continue to grow. In fact, according to a scientific study by the National Resources Defense Council, out of more than 1,000 bottles representing 103 brands of bottle water tested, about 1/3 contained some levels of contamin-ation, including synthetic organic chemicals, bacteria and arsenic. The study also found that waters packaged and sold in the same state are exempt from federal | | regulation. Not all states bother to regulate these bottled waters and less than ½ of states require carbonated water to meet the standards of non-carbonated. It is also important to keep in mind that bottled water that contains flavoring and/or sugar is not considered bottled water and therefore is not subject to the same quality regulations as other bottled water. The bottom line is that while most bottled water is safe, it is not necessarily cleaner or safer that most tap water. |