

**FALL NEWS**

**Don't Let FOG Ruin Your Holidays**

Many households do more cooking for family gatherings and other events during the holidays. A common cooking byproduct known as "FOG" (fats, oils, and grease) could ruin your holiday festivities in the worst kind of way. In addition to various types of oil used for cooking, FOG can be found in meats, milk products, including butter, salad dressings and gravy. Please consider how you dispose of FOG and avoid sending it down the drain. Wipe FOG from pots, pans, and dishware with a paper towel before washing or placing pots, pans, and dishware in the dishwasher.

Some residents make the mistake of pouring cooking oils and grease down the kitchen sink or flushing it down the toilet. This is especially true during the holiday season when families may be frying turkeys or preparing other traditional foods that contain large amounts of FOG.

Over time, FOG will solidify and adhere to pipes and accumulate within the private and public portions of the sewer system, potentially clogging sewer lines and resulting in releases of sewer into homes and on the street. A sewer overflow is the last thing you want when guests are over for the holidays.

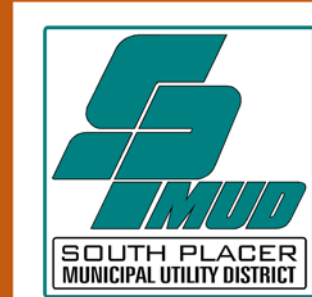
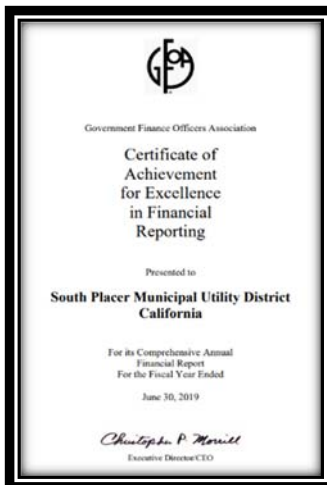


**FREE FOG PICK-UP PROGRAM**

Pour all used cooking oil and grease into a non-breakable container with a lid, such as a coffee can, label it as SPMUD/FOG and place it on your front doorstep. Then **CALL SPMUD** (916) 786-8212 for pick up! See the District website for more information, [www.spmud.ca.gov](http://www.spmud.ca.gov)

**District Honors**

The South Placer Municipal Utility District was recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the District.



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**SEWER PROBLEMS?**

If you are experiencing a sewer problem, such as plumbing backing up, slow drains, sewer overflowing either inside your home or from the sewer clean out

**PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY**

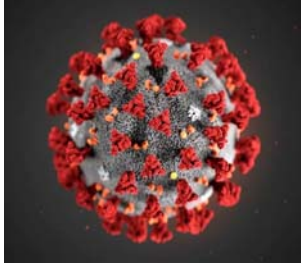
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SPMUD crews will determine whether the problem is the District's to resolve or whether you should call a plumber. SPMUD has staff on-call 24/7 to address these sewer related issues.



## Coronavirus Response Update

As an essential operation, the District was quick in its response to the Coronavirus to ensure continuity of sewer services to our customers. Initially, the District closed our office at 5807 Springview to the public but has since reopened. Furthermore, in response to the outbreak, the District implemented its Pandemic Illness/Workforce Shortage Continuity of Operations Guide, which called for among other things:



- 1) The District Declaration of Emergency.
- 2) New cash handling procedures.
- 3) Enlisting social distancing guidelines.
- 4) Wearing of masks.
- 5) Screening of employees and site visitors.
- 6) Telecommuting; and
- 7) Electronic plan submittal, review, and approval.

To assist its customers, the District suspended its late fee on delinquent bills from April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.



The Board of Directors have been meeting remotely using Zoom meetings since the April 2020 Board meeting. Residents are advised to view the Agenda of the monthly Board meetings (held the first Thursday of every month) to obtain the correct Zoom logon credentials. The monthly Board of Director's meetings will continue to be held remotely for the foreseeable future.

## Foothill Trunk Sewer Replacement Project Foothill Trunk Sewer Replacement Project

Construction of the Foothill Trunk Sewer Replacement Project began in April of 2020 and is anticipated to be complete by mid-October. The Foothill Trunk Sewer Replacement Project replaces approximately 2,300 feet of 12-inch gravity sewer pipe with larger diameter pipe to provide sufficient capacity to accommodate anticipated flows and reduce the risk of a sewer overflow. The existing 12-inch diameter gravity sewer trunk line was constructed in the early 1970's and the original design limits the capacity of this portion of the sewer trunk system, essentially creating a "bottleneck." The improvements to this portion of the SPMUD sewer system will correct this "bottleneck" and represents a major step in maintaining the level of service SPMUD strives to provide its customers.

The project area begins near the intersection of El Don Drive and Corona Circle and heads west, crossing Aguilar Road near the intersection of Arrowhead Drive and terminates at an existing sewer pipeline near Secret Ravine. SPMUD is working with the contractor to minimize impacts on residents and customers, but recognizes that construction activities have created inconveniences, including temporary road closures, traffic delays, construction noise, and dust. SPMUD appreciates the residents and customers patience throughout the project.

The project is paid for with funds collected for this purpose and will not affect monthly sewer rates.

## Continuous Sewer Service Provided During PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutdowns

Many of you experienced a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) during 2019. Others were fortunate enough to have power, but may have experienced increased traffic, long lines, and some displays of frustration. Hopefully, any inconveniences were kept to a minimum.

South Placer Municipal Utility District (SPMUD) also experienced the effects of the PSPS firsthand. We operate 13 different remote pump stations that are dependent on electricity. SPMUD staff were, and continue to be, prepared to work around the clock to keep the stations up and running and maintain continuous sewer service. To manage the pump stations during the loss of power, crews visit the stations periodically throughout the duration of the outage. If your neighborhood is served by one of these stations, you may notice SPMUD crews coming in and out more often than usual.

SPMUD will always strive to provide uninterrupted sewer service for our community. We appreciate your understanding as we respond to these events.



**CALL US FIRST! (916)786-8555 • AFTER HOURS LISTEN TO PROMPTS**