

## • Important News & Reminders

The SLUD Office will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and November 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

## • Upcoming Meetings

Our next board meeting is on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. in the Seis Lagos Clubhouse, 224 Seis Lagos Trail. Everyone is invited!

## Office Information



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Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.



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## **SAVE WATER AND SAVE MONEY**

Recent water bills of \$300 to \$1000 have created interest in how to reduce water costs this season. Research has shown that, on average, about half of the water used in a single-family American home throughout a year will be put onto the landscape. Let's explore how to reduce that amount. There are 2 areas of landscape that require water: landscape beds and turf grass. We'll cover landscape beds this month and turf grass next time.

### **LANDSCAPE BEDS**

These are a few tips for reducing the amount of water your landscape needs

- Increase the size of landscape beds while decreasing the turf grass areas, which require not only more water than most established shrubs, but also frequent maintenance.
- Keep 2-3" of mulch (top dressing) in all landscape beds, such as shredded hardwood, to maintain moisture. There should be no bare soil in your beds to bake in the sun. Mulch also keeps weeds down. Refresh mulch each year in April after the soil has warmed up.
- Water landscape beds with drip irrigation, which is more efficient than sprinklers because of less water loss due to evaporation or runoff. The simplest system is a soaker hose or drip tubing with emitters built in which you turn on manually. Or you can hire a professional to install the irrigation system with a controller or convert current sprinklers in beds to drip. Trees, shrubs and perennials have much different water needs than turf grass, so they should be on a different watering schedule/system. They need deep, infrequent watering versus turf which needs shallower and more frequent watering.
- Choose native Texas trees and shrubs for your landscape. Using native plants that require less water and are adapted to your climate can reduce outdoor water use by 20-50%. Native plants also require less fertilizer and less maintenance - and fall is the very best time to plant in Texas!

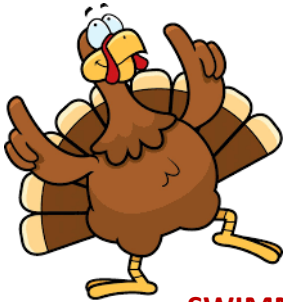


## **BOARD UPDATES**

The board recently discussed SLUD policies, changes to the abandoned Old County Road behind Cordero Trail and road repairs at the last board meeting.

This month, we will be acting on polices in our Rates & Rules. Please contact our office to add other items to the Agenda!

To stay informed with our future meetings (Agendas) or to read the speaker notes and summaries from previous meetings (Minutes), visit our website at [www.slud.us](http://www.slud.us)



### **SWIMMING POOL INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION REMINDER:**

If you have installed a swimming pool within the past 3 years and did not contact SLUD prior to construction, please contact our office to schedule an inspection. *You are subject to disconnection of service and your meter pulled out of the ground.* We require that you complete a *Contractor Permit & Deposit Agreement* at the business office prior to any construction commencing. *A deposit of \$2,000.00 is required (refundable "if" the road is not damaged), as well as a non-refundable inspection fee of \$60.00*

*Utilization of concrete trucks, eighteen (18) wheelers, dump trucks or heavy equipment require a Contractor Permit & Deposit Agreement and a deposit of \$2,000.00 prior to commencing any work. Roads will be inspected prior to any work commencing and a final inspection of the road will be assessed upon completion of your project. If there is no damage to the road, a check will be issued by SLUD for a full return of the deposit. Please allow no less than seven (7) business days for your refund check to be processed.*

***If any work proceeds without meeting these requirements, a non-refundable charge of \$3,000.00 be issued (individual charge of \$3,000.00 per lot if multiple lots). This information may be found in the Rates & Rules, Sections 6.8. and 5.1.***

## **Tired of Late Fees?**

Residents can sign up for automatic payment with SLUD to avoid late penalties and the hassle! Fill out our ACH form online at [slud.us](http://slud.us) under Forms and Reports > Automatic Bank Draft and email the completed document to [district@slud.us](mailto:district@slud.us) or call our office at 972-442-6875 for more information.

## **Did You Know...**

Providing residents with paper bills costs the district over \$305 each month due to hand-stuffing, postage, and paper supplies. To cut down on costs, switch to E-billing instead!