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Baby, It's Cold Outside!

With the winter comes the cold. And with the cold comes the potential for frozen pipes. When temperatures drop below about 10° F, the potential for frozen water pipes rises quickly. We recommend that you leave a kitchen or bathroom faucet running overnight each night when it is this cold. Leave it turned on so that it isn't dripping – it should be a steady stream, but just barely. The water moving through your pipes won't freeze because it is moving. The water used will be less than \$1 a month, and it could save you hundreds of dollars in repairing a broken water line. If you should have a problem with a frozen line, call us first to see if we can help. There is no charge – just call 801-968-1011, and we will get someone out to see if we can help you.



Fabulous Loan– Huge Savings

The Division of Water Quality, and the Water Quality Board of the State of Utah recently approved a loan to Kearns Improvement District for \$5,025,000 that will fund our Back Yard Sewer Replacement Project for the next couple of years. The loan is at 0% interest for 20 years, and they have actually forgiven \$1,200,000 of the loan – we don't need to pay that portion back! This will save the District about \$178,000 per year for the next 20 years over normal financing, or a total savings of \$3,570,000.

Project updates

The sewer line on 5415 S got a late start in the year, due to some technical difficulties, so they were only able to finish a little less than half of that job. Look for the contractor to be back in April, digging up the street and

installing this new sewer line. It is the last portion of the Back Yard Sewer Project that we intend to contract out; we did this because our crews are good at working in the quiet neighborhood streets, but the traffic in 5415 S. is more than our crews could handle very well. It also has other complexities with it, that the general contractor can handle better.

Speaking of the Back Yard Sewer Project, we have completed installation of over 80% of the sewer laterals from the street to the property, and almost 80% of the mainline sewer is installed. And over the next couple of months, we will have completed the connection of 50% of the homes to the new sewer system. Our crews put in over 12,600 feet of pipe last summer – one of their best performances ever. That is about 2.4 miles of pipe, most of it 11 feet deep in the ground.

We also completed the installation of a new waterline from 5900 West to 5250 West in 5400 South. We were able to coordinate this work with UDOT so that the new road surface they put down would cover our work, and give you, the user, a nice smooth surface to drive on.

Call Us First

When you have a problem with your sewer or water service, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 801-968-1011. We might be able to save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars in repairs. And the best part is that there is no charge to you for this service. We are anxious to help if we can. Please understand that the water and sewer lines that connect your home with our water and sewer mains belong to you, not the Kearns Improvement District, and because of that we can't fix it. But we can evaluate the problem, and help you avoid unnecessary repairs and expenses.

