



4 WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

- 1. Auto-Pay:**
Have your payment automatically deducted from your bank account and never miss a payment again. Call our office at **480-837-9444** or go to our website to download the form.
- 2. Online Bill Payment:**
You can securely pay your bill online with a credit/debit card or an E-Check at www.az-fhsd.gov. There is a \$1.00 third-party charge for this service.
- 3. Mail Payment:**
To ensure your payment is correctly applied to your account, please include the top portion of your billing statement. Make check payable to **Fountain Hills Sanitary District** or **FHSD** and mail to **16941 E. Pepperwood Circle, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268**.
- 4. Pay in Person:**
Deliver your payment to our Billing Department located at **16941 E. Pepperwood Circle Fountain Hills**, Monday – Friday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM. After hours, deposit your payment in the drop box located out front.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Dispose of unused or unwanted prescription pills on **Saturday, April 27, 2019**, at the Town Hall parking lot between the hours of 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Please, no liquids, creams, or needles.

If you miss this event, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has a drop box located in the lobby of Town Hall to dispose of unused or unwanted prescription pills. The drop box is accessible during regular business hours. Properly disposing of unwanted prescription pills prevents misuse and helps protect the environment.

Our Community Recycles Every Drop Of Water

Every drop of wastewater generated in town is safely collected, cleaned, and beneficially used for irrigation purposes. The Sanitary District provides recycled water to three local golf courses and three Town parks. Providing recycled water to meet irrigation needs takes that large water demand off the limited drinking water supplies of the arid southwest.

Beginning in 1974, the recycled water produced by the Sanitary District's treatment facilities was, and continues to be, used to fill Fountain Lake. However, by the early 1980's, recycled water production exceeded its use in the lake. As vacant land developed, the population increased, and additional recycled water was produced. The Sanitary District found itself having to figure out what to do with its growing water surplus in the winter and its disappearing available land for storage or use.

After examining the options, the Sanitary District constructed multiple aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) wells, which allowed the Sanitary District to store water in the ground during the winter, to be retrieved in the summer for use by the golf courses and parks when the demand for water exceeds the supply. To safely store water below ground, the Sanitary District constructed a sophisticated membrane filtration facility to provide further treatment of the water. The wells and advanced facilities have been successfully operating since February 2001.

The Sanitary District prides itself on being good stewards of the environment and doing its part to protect the desert's limited water resources. The Sanitary District has been successfully *recycling every drop* since 1974.

Well Vault Replacement And Public Restroom Project At Fountain Park

As describe above, wells are a critical piece of infrastructure needed for the seasonal management of recycled water. Each of the wells has its own pump and control equipment, located in underground metal vaults adjacent to their corresponding wells. Three of the metal vaults are buried in Fountain Park. A fourth is buried near Town Hall and the fifth is located at a Sanitary District treatment facility.

The metal vaults located in Fountain Park, built almost 20 years ago, are continually exposed to water seeping in from the park's sprinkler system. Rust and corrosion are damaging the vaults beyond repair. The solution is to replace the deteriorating underground vaults with above ground buildings. The Sanitary District will replace two of its three buried well vaults beginning this summer. Replacement of the third vault will be planned after completion of flood zone studies currently being performed by Maricopa County in partnership with the Town of Fountain Hills.

Working with the Town, which owns and maintains the Lake and Park, the Sanitary District will construct the needed above-ground buildings to serve a dual purpose. One side will have the well control equipment room; the other side will have much-needed public restrooms. The goals of the project are to:

- (1) Improve the safety of the facilities for both workers and surrounding park users.** Bringing the electrical control panels above grade and out of the buried, wet conditions improves safety for everyone.
- (2) Save money and eliminate future costs.** With the controls above ground, operations and maintenance costs will go down. Also, the new buildings will last longer than the current metal vaults, which need to be replaced after only 18 years.
- (3) Provide much-needed restrooms on the north and east sides of the 64-acre park.** The park currently only has one restroom near the south parking lot.

Adding much-needed public restrooms to critical Sanitary District facilities demonstrates how the public benefits when two government entities work together. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2019 and be completed sometime this Fall.