

# Entranosa Water News

September 29, 2017

**September Usage.** Residential demand this month averaged just under 6,900 gallons, compared to just over 6,000 gallons in September of 2016 and 7,600 gallons in September 2015. We encourage you to use what you need – no more, and no less.

**Hardness.** We measured hardness at the office on September 28<sup>th</sup> and it was 28 grains. Based on our total pumping in September, it averaged 27 grains. A grain is approximately 17.1 milligrams per liter. We expect hardness to drop a bit in October, to about 24 grains.

**Board Meeting.** The Board of Directors will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1130 a.m. If you'd like to attend, please call for information.

**Yard Line Repair Insurance.** We offer insurance coverage for yard line repairs, between the meter to the foundation of the home. The service is \$4.00/month but you must choose to be covered by calling **407-8081** (there is a 30-day waiting period). This coverage does NOT include leaks that started prior to the start of your coverage, and there are limits for each incident.

**Household Water Pressure.** The Plumbing Code requires a home owner to regulate the water pressure coming into the home to no more than 80 p.s.i., understanding that pressure in excess of 125 psi could be harmful to your water heater or other water appliances. As a nonprofit, member-owned cooperative, Entranosa has been installing and maintaining pressure reducing valves on meter installations for almost 30 years as a courtesy for the membership. Regardless of ownership, these mechanical devices will fail at some point in time. If you think you have symptoms of high pressure – give us a call.

County Water Conservation Limitations. Santa Fe County lifts its annual water restrictions on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and Bernalillo County will lift theirs on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Precipitation.** It's been a relatively wet August and September ... reports out of Sandia Park showed 10" of rain in August, and a monitoring station near Frost and Mountain Valley had 3" in September. Might be an early winter ... we've posted some 'winter hints' on the reverse side of this page.

**Annual Meeting, Board Elections, and Bylaw change.** The Annual Meeting was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Pointe Community Center. Over 100 people attended and we're grateful to Alex Leonard for sponsoring the premeeting dinner. There were 196 ballots cast – the proposed bylaw amendment was defeated, 86-110. Lee Liggett, Dennis Hodges and Skip Mead were elected to three-year terms on the Board.

**New Well and Transmission Line.** We've started work on a new well that we'd gotten permitted in 2004, with an associated four-mile transmission line. The well provides us an additional 184 acre feet of good quality water, and improves our reliability by spreading out the well fields.

**Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).** The direct URL link to our current report is:

<http://ccrwater.net/entranosawater-25652>

**Call 811 Before You Dig - It IS the Law ....**

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## Road Closures

The NM State Police is the ONLY agency that can authorize road closures on I-40, Old 66, North 14, and state roads 337, 217, 472 and 536. NO other state or local government has that authority. Having said that, any first responding agency can request a road closure and start diverting traffic in the interest of public safety. The NM State Police will take weather, possible life-threatening road condition or crashes into consideration for a road closure.

## Road Closure Procedures

To minimize impact to east mountain residents - The NM State Police no longer closes the Canyon at Tramway in ABQ, due to weather – they will close the highway at Moriarty while simultaneously ‘encouraging’ truck traffic to exit early and stage at the Fairgrounds, UNM, Balloon Fiesta Park or Walmart in Edgewood. Going west from Moriarty, they will have truck traffic turn around at Edgewood, Zuzax, Tijeras, and then Tramway. In the event I-40 is closed to weather conditions east of NM, Santa Rosa will be the point of closure for I-40.

## Winter Suggestions for Your Vehicle

Pack an emergency winter car kit – jumper cables, wool blanket, hat & gloves, small water bottles (not completely full – which are easier to thaw), food – such as protein or granola bars that are high calorie and ready-to-eat, extra cell phone batteries or a charger.

Prepare your vehicle AND yourself – winterize the car and keep it well maintained, don’t let the tank go below ½ full, don’t leave home without a fully charged cell phone, check weather before traveling, check road conditions (NMDOT has warnings on their web site or call 511), if traveling long distance – ensure someone knows your route and you’re expected arrival time, avoid unfamiliar routes – don’t go exploring in a snow storm ...

## Winter Suggestions Where You Live

Have extra food, blankets, warm clothing **and water available for each member of the family** – experts recommend **three to five days** for winter emergencies (snowed in, no power ...). Emergency food should be non-perishable. Store a good supply of dry seasoned wood or wood pellets for your fireplace or pellet stove or top off your propane tank. **KNOW WHERE YOUR WATER SHUT OFF VALVES ARE** – and how to use them! Have an LED flashlight and batteries, stockpile kitty litter or bags of sand, have rock salt available to help thaw icy paths (but use calcium or manganese chlorides on concrete), have a snow shovel (or three) ... and tune into 1670 AM during extended power outages (the emergency radio frequency) for updates.

## Important Non-Emergency Contact Information

Bernalillo County Sheriff (EM Substation) ..... (505) 281-3377  
Bernalillo County Public Works – Roads ..... (505) 848-1503  
Bernalillo County Fire Station 43 ..... (505) 314-0160  
Bernalillo County Fire Station 46 ..... (505) 314-0100  
NM Department of Transportation (DOT) Road Hotline ..... 511  
Santa Fe County Sheriff ..... (505) 986-2460  
Santa Fe County Fire – Edgewood ..... (505) 281-4697  
Edgewood Police ..... (505) 281-5717  
Text Alerts on Road Closures and Weather – sign up at [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com)

## In ANY emergency – dial 911

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