

Entranosa Water News

October 31, 2016

Residential Usage in October. Residential demand this month was just over 5,800 gallons. In October 2015, residential usage was just over 5,400 gallons, in 2014 it was just over 6,300 gallons, and in 2013 it was 5,900 gallons.

Hardness. We measured 29 grains of hardness at the office on October 28th, and (based upon pumping data) it has averaged 27 grains for the month of October (a grain is approximately 17.1 milligrams per liter). In November, we expect hardness to drop to the low 20s and the high teens, as system demand slows down and a higher percentage of the water we pump is sourced from wells with lower levels of calcium.

Drought Conditions. Our drought condition remains ‘abnormally dry’, where it has been most of the year. The seasonal outlook through the end of January is for a ‘normal’ condition (not sure what that is, any more ...) but relatively dry through the end of January.

Winter IS Coming ... and while it MAY be mild, there is always at least one weather event that causes havoc. We’ve included emergency and winter-weather information on the reverse, and hope it is helpful.

Office Closure. The office will be closed on Friday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day. For Emergencies only please call (505) 604-5935.

Contact Information. Please contact our office to update your current phone numbers and email addresses. You can do this by subscribing to our alerts on our website at www.entranosawater.com or email, ewwa@entranosawater.com. This information is only used in the event we need to contact you for a variety of reasons; billing, high usage, water outage, emergency announcement, etc. We do NOT provide this information to outside sources

Consumer Confidence Report. Our latest, annual, report is on our web site and the link is:

<http://ccrwater.net/entranosawater-17033>

You can also request a hardcopy from the office - we’ll be happy to mail it to you.

County Water Ordinances. The Bernalillo County water conservation “season” requirements expire on October 31st – until Spring.

Please VOTE! Early voting has begun, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th.

Bernalillo County High Efficiency Toilet Retro Fit Assistance Program. For Bernalillo County residents – the County has grant funding available to conduct water usage surveys and assist with your obtaining up to two high efficiency toilets. Contact Carlos Bustos at Public Works – (505) 848-1500. For additional information, **<http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/high-efficiency-toilet-program.aspx>**

Call 811 BEFORE You Dig – It IS the Law

Entranosa Water & Wastewater Association
(505) 281-8700 (office) / (505) 604-5935 (emergency)

www.entranosawater.com

Office Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm, and Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm

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, 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 will no longer close 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, or the Balloon Fiesta Park. Going west from Moriarty, they will have truck traffic turn around at 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 in to 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

In ANY emergency – dial 911

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