

Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

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Dear Customer,

It has been brought to the attention of the District, that some residential customers are still using broadcast irrigation (Sprinkler) systems to water landscaping. In April and October of 2016 letters were mailed reminding customers of the fact that as of January 1, 2017 these types of systems would be in violation of the District Ordinance.

These reminders stated that since 2009 no new broadcast irrigation systems have been permitted and as of January 1, 2017 homeowners with these systems would be in violation of the District Ordinance. These reminders it seems have left homeowners who have broadcast systems that were constructed prior to 2009 with the impression that they are exempt from this as long as they own the home; however, this is not the case. The ordinance as enacted in 2009 prohibited new system construction and gave homeowners eight (8) years to come into compliance with the ordinance. The use of these systems after January 1, 2017 by any residential customer is a violation of the ordinance.

The District does not wish to impose sanctions on any customer, and reminds residents to use only systems for landscape watering which conform to the ordinance, which include drip systems and manual watering.

Should the District determine that a customer is using a broadcast irrigation system in violation of the ordinance; the District will be placed in the unenviable position of imposing sanctions, which can include fines, permanent service disconnection, civil and/or criminal penalties.

As continuing drought cycles throughout the Southwest have shown water is precious, these conservation measures were enacted through ordinance in 2009 as an integral part of the District continuing efforts to protect the availability of water for use in our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



Daniel B. Knorr
President