



Mountain House Community Services District Newsletter

*The Mission of the District is to Provide Responsive
Service to our Growing Community
that Exceeds Expectations at a Fair Value*

June
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USEFUL TIPS

Q: Why should I pick up pet waste (even if it's on my own property)?

A: The pathogens in pet waste are harmful to the health of humans, animals, and the environment. **PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Local animal control ordinances declare it is unlawful to leave pet waste on public property and require its immediate removal. **PRIVATE PROPERTY:** Local water quality and health ordinances also apply to private property and could result in enforcement, including fines, if it can be determined that pet waste, or its pathogens, on your property are being washed into storm drains or waterways, or if the accumulation of waste is a nuisance or menace to health.

Q: How should I dispose of pet waste?

A: Scoop the pet waste, bag it, and put it in the trash (garbage).

Q: Can I put pet waste in the trash (garbage)?

A: Yes, this is the preferred disposal method. By putting pet waste in the trash, it prevents the waste from becoming a source of pollution in our streams and bays. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste, cat litter, and dirty diapers. Many people already place their dog waste in the trash because it is convenient. Some hide it in the trashcan because they think it is prohibited. Do not worry! It is allowed. If you are already placing it in the trash, keep up the good work!

Q: Can I bury or compost pet waste?

A: Composting and burial do not kill hazardous pathogens that may be in the waste and can pollute water. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste, cat litter, and dirty diapers. Yards are not. Most home compost piles do not reach temperatures sufficient to kill many hazardous pathogens. Extended exposure at 140-degree temperatures is required to kill E. coli and Salmonella.

Giardia can survive temperature extremes, chlorination, and drying. Cryptosporidium, Leptospira, Salmonella, and E. coli can survive for months in feces or soil. Roundworms can survive for four years in soil. Even commercial yard waste processors do not currently compost waste at temperatures sufficient to kill many pathogens in pet waste, so don't put dog waste in the yard waste bins for curbside pickup.

SCHEDULE OF MHCS D EVENTS

Board meetings and committee meetings are held in the Boardroom at the Town Hall. For class and event locations, please see below. If you would like additional information on the classes or events please contact Angel Lamb at alamb@sjgov.org. Please subscribe to the Google Calendar.

Farmers' Market

Date: Sunday's

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Town Hall Parking Lot

Youth Action Virtual Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

For more information please contact Director Tingle at btingle@sjgov.org

MHCS D Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

If your group has an activity open to the community in Mountain House please send that information to Angel Lamb no later than the 10th of the month to be included in the newsletter.

Mountain House Rotary

Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesday's

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Virtual

For more information please contact Sachin Pingle at mountainhouserotary@gmail.com

NEW UTILITY PAYMENT DROP BOX

Mountain House Community Services District has a new utility payment drop box located near the south entrance on Main Street. Checks, cashier's checks or money orders only. Do not deposit cash.



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Q: Can I flush pet waste down the toilet?

A: Maybe. If you are on a municipal sewer system and you can stand the yuck-factor, flushing is a highly desirable method of disposal. Most people, especially those with large or multiple dogs, are not comfortable with the notion of bringing outdoor pet waste indoors to flush it. If you can handle it, go wild! If you have a septic system, then do not flush pet waste down the toilet. Flushing pet waste can potentially exceed the design capacity of the septic system. High volumes of hair and ash, not normally found in human waste, can interfere with septic system functions and clog drain fields. Do not flush cat waste if it has litter stuck to it. Another alternative is to install a pet waste flushing system at your outdoor sanitary sewer cleanout if you are connected to a public sewer system (NOT a septic system). Two examples may be found at:

www.doggiedoodrain.com/