



HC WCID 116 / Huntwick Recreation Facilities Newsletter

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Top 5 Water Wasters in Your Home

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Most of us in North America are lucky to have steady supply of fresh, drinkable water. It's easy to take for granted, but witnessing droughts around the world has taught us that there's good reason not to.

As climate change heats the planet and makes weather more unpredictable, reservoir levels and water tables are falling. A recent report from the US Government Accountability Office revealed that water managers in all but ten states expect water shortages within the next decade. We all need to adjust our habits to conserve this life-sustaining resource in our changing climate.

Further, it takes energy to treat and transport all that precious liquid, so when we waste water, we're effectively increasing our carbon footprint. Wasting water creates unnecessary pollution, worsening the problem of climate change.

According to a 2014 study from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs, people tend to underestimate water use and lack knowledge about the most effective ways to conserve. In a survey of over a thousand people, most incorrectly chose curtailing water use (taking shorter showers, for example) over making efficiency upgrades as the best way to conserve water.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that the average American uses 100 gallons of water daily.

The average European uses only 50. A few efficiency upgrades in your home and habits can help bring down your household water use considerable, with little effect on your lifestyle. Some simple swaps to the devices in your house that waste the most water can add up to significant water savings, so there's no reason not to implement these changes as soon as possible.

Water Waster No.1: Your Toilets

If you want to make the biggest dent in your water use, look no further than your toilet. Responsible for up to 25% of household use, toilets are a prime target for your water reduction efforts. An older toilet wastes gallons of water with every flush. Upgrading to a low-flow toilet can save up to 75%!

If you're not ready to replace an older toilet, an adjustable flapper can greatly reduce your usage. You can also put filled plastic bottles or a tank bank in the toilet tank to make it use less water per flush.

Whether you have a low-flow toilet or not, consider a flapper and valve kit designed to detect and prevent leaks and reduce the water needed for each flush. You can also install a dual flush converter so you're using as little water as possible for flushes that don't need more. They're quick and easy to install and let you cut water waster further, up to 15,000 gallons for an average family.

Also be sure to test your toilets for leaks, since approximately 20% of toilets leak to some degree. According to the EPA, a running toilet may waste as

much as 200 gallons per day, up to two-thirds of an average family's water use! Checking a leaky toilet is simple. Just add food coloring to the toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl, you know your flapper needs replacing.

Water Waster No.2: Your Washing Machine

Did you know washing your clothes may take up to 54 gallons per load with a conventional top-load washer? The most efficient front loader washers require only seven gallons, a huge water savings. If you're an average family doing eight loads a week, cutting the water footprint of your laundry with an efficient washer may save you thousands of gallons of water each year, in addition to the energy saved on heating water. High-efficiency washers also use less electricity than traditional models and take more water out of the clothes so drying time is shortened, cutting energy use still further.

Water Waster No.3: Your Shower

While far more water-efficient than baths, showers still account for 17% of indoor water use. Use a low-flow showerhead will cut water use by about 40% over standard showerheads. The EPA reports that if every showerhead in the United States were WaterSense models, we'd collectively save 260 billion gallons of water and over \$5 billion annually! Keeping your showers shorter and turning off the water while you lather will cut waste as well. Additionally, since you're using hot water, conserving in the shower will also save energy.

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The updates regarding HRF Patron, Patron Group and additional services events and activities contained in this newsletter are being provided for informational and scheduling purposes only and are not being endorsed, promoted or recommended by the District.

Huntwick Tennis

Fall Tennis League Play

Huntwick fall tennis leagues will be starting up in September! Schedule updates will be posted in the District newsletter, bulletin board at 13715 Charwell Crossing "Donut Lake" park, near the primary courts used for league play as well as the District website <https://www.huntwickwater.com/recreation/events-schedule/>.

- All teams must be registered prior to the start of the league season. All team members must have and maintain Full Patron status.
- All registered teams must request a schedule by applying to the HRF Representative prior to the start of the season, tennis courts scheduling will be determined and coordinated by the HRF Representative.
- All refuse removal is the responsibility of the sponsoring team.
- During league season, the opposing team will not pay Guest fees. League use of the tennis courts will not count against the Annual Use Rule.
- For maintenance issues noticed at any of the Huntwick Recreation Facilities, please call and report to HRF Coordinator at 281-444-3404 x-4 or email huntwickrec@comcast.net.

If you are a Full HRF Patron and would like to know more about joining a team, contact the following Captains:

- A-2 Jackrabbit Women: Ann Conrad, 281-440-1159
- C3 Jackrabbit & C2 NWTL Women: Mary Anna Gannon, 210-289-0446
- A-1 NWTL Women: Allison Cook, 832-515-5038
- Monday Night Ladies Work League: Karla Griffith, 832-338-7787
- Huntwick Men: Les Griffith, 281-898-1585

Back to School Tennis

Are you looking for an activity for your child after school to keep them active and make new friends? Our goal is to instill the love of a life-time sport! Your child will gain strong fundamentals, solid technique such as footwork, eye hand coordination and mental toughness. Teach them how to compete with no fear of defeat. Contact Coach Andre and get your kids signed up today! 832-642-4110. Must be an active HRF Full Patron to participate.

Huntwick Pickleball

A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. Played as doubles or singles. Huntwick Recreation Facilities now offers pickleball on Clubhouse Courts 3 & 4 for HRF Full Patrons. Courts must be reserved in advance by calling the HRF office as these courts will double for tennis and pickleball play.

Children's Art Class

School year schedule change **NO ART CLASS HELD ON AUGUST 28TH NOR SEPTEMBER 4TH**

Beginning Wednesday, September 11th, art classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the HRF Clubhouse. There will be light snacks, and all supplies will be available. Personal care will be given for special needs students. A small fee will cover art materials. To sign your child up for classes or have any questions, please call Doreen Levy at 281-586-9290. Must be an active HRF Patron to participate.

First Friday Bridge

First Friday Bridge will be played at the HRF Clubhouse on Friday, September 6th at 7:00 pm. Any HRF Patron interested in an evening of casual bridge is invited to play. Please contact Harold and Ann Conrad at 281-440-1159 to be put on the calling list as a regular or sub.

August Bridge Results:

First: Pat McNamara
Second: Donna Ohlson
Honors: Sassy Crookshanks
Deuce: Pat McNamara
Low: Lynn Berryman

Huntwick Women's Club

We hope you had a nice summer. The Huntwick Women's Club is ready to start another great year of enrichment and fellowship. All women of Huntwick are welcome at the President's Coffee at 10:30 am on Thursday, September 19th. It will be held at the home of our President, Mary Quinn, at 5215 Westminister Ct. Delicious refreshments will be provided by the Board members.

You may pay your dues of \$25 at the President's Coffee or drop off your check, made payable to Huntwick Women's Club, at the home of our Membership Chairman, Annette Kelly, at 5335 Olympia Fields.

The October meeting program will be a Style Fashion Show by Chico's. The Fall tour will be a bus trip to the Bryan Museum in Galveston on October 29th. The bus will leave the HRF Clubhouse at 8:30 am and return about 3:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00. Checks should be made out to Huntwick Women's Club and will be collected by Sassy Crookshanks, 5315 Graystone. Lunch will be at the Sunflower Café and Bakery (paid individually).

More exciting plans for the year will be revealed at the President's Coffee. Hope you can come!
~Jan Freeman, Publicity

Huntwick Pool 2019 Schedule

It has been another great summer, nice and hot to enjoy a cool down at the Huntwick pool but the 2019 swim season is wrapping up. Below are the final days/times to get your swim on. **Please remember to take home all personal belongings when leaving pool for the day! Any items left behind at close of season will be cleaned and donated to local charity. Thank you!**

	<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Pool Times</u>
	Monday - Thursday	CLOSED
8/30	Friday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
8/31	Saturday	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
9/1	Sunday	12:00 noon - 8:00 pm
9/2	Labor Day	11:00 am - 8:00 pm
9/3	Closed for 2019 swim season	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 POOL OPEN 12:00pm-8:00pm 8:00am-12:00pm Private Event- Clubhouse</p>	<p>2 Labor Day LABOR DAY POOL HOURS 11:00am-8:00pm</p> 	<p>3 POOL CLOSED FOR 2019 SWIM SEASON</p>	<p>4 NO ART CLASS TODAY</p> <p>7:00pm HCA Budget Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:00am-2:00pm Private Event</p>	<p>6 7:00pm First Friday Bridge</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:00am-12:00pm Private Event</p> 	<p>9 3:00pm Water District Regular Board Meeting</p>	<p>10 7:30pm HCA Board Meeting</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day **Note class time change** 4:30pm-6:00pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 1:00pm-6:00pm Private Event</p>
<p>15 8:00am-12:00pm Private Event</p>	<p>16 7:00pm-9:00pm Private Event</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 4:30pm-6:00pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7:00pm-12:00am Private Event</p>
<p>22 8:00am-12:00pm Private Event</p>		<p>24</p>	<p>25 4:30pm-6:00pm Patron Children's Art Class with Doreen</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 4:00pm-8:00pm Private Event</p>
<p>29 Rosh Hashanah, Begins at Sunset 8:00am-12:00pm Private Event</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>All events are at HRF Clubhouse, 5300 Coral Gables, unless noted otherwise. All events and hours are subject to change. View most up-to-date HRF Schedule of Events online by visiting : https://www.huntwickwater.com/recreation/events-schedule/</p>				

This calendar is intended to provide information regarding availability of the Huntwick Recreation Facilities on given dates and times and is not intended to endorse or promote events or activities by any HRF Patrons or Patron Groups.

All participants of Patron Group Events must have and maintain active HRF Patron status.

To become an HRF Patron, please call 281-444-3404, ext. 4 or e-mail huntwickrec@comcast.net.



District Contact Information

General Information: 832-413-5333

Customer service and billing: 281-807-9500 (TOPS)

Water Emergencies: 281-807-9500 (Karl Skarboszewski)

Huntwick Recreation Facility Information: 281-444-3404 ext. 4 (Jamie O'Boyle)

HC WCID 116 has an answering system to better serve the community. Emergency calls are routed to the on-call system to ensure a quick response.

HC WCID 116 Website:
www.huntwickwater.com

E-mail Addresses:
Customer Service/Billing/Water:
customerservice@topswater.com

Board of Directors: huntwickwater@comcast.net

Recreation: huntwickrec@comcast.net

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5135 Cobles Corner
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Huntwick Recreation Facilities
5300 Coral Gables Drive
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The Huntwick Recreation Facilities (HRF) are owned and maintained by Harris County WCID No. 116 for the benefit of the community served by the District.

The Facilities are located at 5300 Coral Gables and 13715 Charwell Crossing. A clubhouse, six tennis courts, swimming pool, two playgrounds, athletic fields, and a bark park are located on the properties. The Athletic field, playgrounds and dog park are open to all residents of HC WCID 116 and all Patrons of the Recreation Facilities. House Patrons may rent the clubhouse and join All-Patron groups which use the clubhouse for parties, meetings, and other events. Full Patrons enjoy the same benefits as House Patrons, with the added benefit of use and rental of swimming and tennis facilities.

HC WCID 116 provides water and wastewater services for the Huntwick Forest and Huntwick Parc subdivisions. The service area also includes the Providence at Champions Apartments, the Oaks of Huntwick Townhomes, and commercial property on the north side of FM 1960 from Wunderlich Drive to the property just to the west of Champion Forest Drive.

Board of Directors

President	Les Griffith
Vice-President	Bob Warner
Secretary	Frank Sklenka
Treasurer/Asst. Sec.	Jeff Handojo
Assistant Treasurer	Cheston Cooper

Service Contractors

Operating Company TOPS

Regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of the month at 3:00 pm at the HRF Clubhouse at 5300 Coral Gables, Houston, TX 77069.

Water Bill Payment Options

Automatic Payment Plan:

Have your bank account or credit card automatically debited each month.

Go to topswater.com for form, complete, and mail.

Convenience fee: \$1 for ACH (paid by District); 4% for credit card.

Online Payments:

Pay your account 24/7. Go to topswater.com/clients/hcwcid116/, select Customer Portal.

Use Visa, MasterCard or Discover

Receive immediate receipt
Convenience Fee: 4%

USPS Mail/Drop Off:

Your monthly bill includes a window envelope for mailing check or money order directly to TOPS.

Payments may also be left in the water plant payment drop box at 5135 Cobles Corner or can be dropped off at Clubhouse HRF Office.

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Water Waster No.4: Your Faucets

Faucets account for about 17% of household water use, so adding water-saving aerators to your taps can mean big savings. Some aerators cut water flow by 77%. Aerators are simple to install, inexpensive, and can cut water use significantly. Keep an eye out for leaks and fix them immediately. All those little drips can really add up. And of course, remember to turn off the tap when you're soaping up your hands or dishes or brushing your teeth.

Water Waster No.5: Leaks

In addition to fixing leaky faucets and toilets, it's a good practice to check the rest of your house for drips and puddles that could indicate ongoing leaks. According to California's Save our Water program, repairing leaks around the house can save up to 110

gallons of water per year. That includes inspecting the pipes under your sink, in and around your hot water tank, and in any out-buildings with water service.

If you don't see any evidence of leaks, it's still worth checking your water meter when you know no one is using water in your house. Is it moving? Record meter reading over one hour and note the difference. If your meter advances when no water is in use, you have a leak somewhere.

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, 116 District and HRF offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019, and will reopen Tuesday, September 3, 2019 during normal business hours.

For water related emergencies, please call 281-807-9500.