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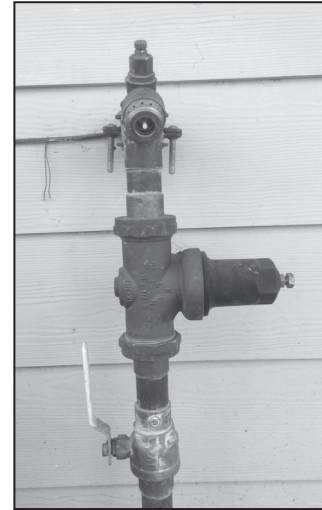
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UNDER PRESSURE?

Understanding Your Home Water Pressure Regulator

Water pressure regulators are an important part of your home plumbing system. Pressure regulators are designed to adjust water pressure to the appropriate level for private plumbing. In some cases, lowering pressure can save water, help prevent leaks, and extend the life of your plumbing. Therefore, being aware of how water pressure regulators work and how to maintain them is important.



Pressure regulators are designed to adjust water pressure to the appropriate level for private plumbing.

What kind and size of water pressure regulator do I need?

- Consult with a certified, licensed plumber for proper sizing to fit the needs of your plumbing system and the water pressure to your property. In addition, local plumbing and hardware stores have a variety of pressure regulators and can show you options.

Do I have a pressure regulator? Where is it located?

- If a pressure regulator is already installed on your property, it is likely located near the service line and after the main shut-off valve.

Does my water pressure regulator need maintenance?

- It is good practice to test the water pressure, flush the regulator, and test pressure again at least once a year. The life expectancy of a water pressure regulator is advertised between 10 to 15 years. However, most manufacturers and plumbing professionals recommend replacing the valve every 5 years.

What should the water pressure on my property be?

- It's recommended that water pressure levels be maintained between 40 to 80 psi.
- Like all plumbing fixtures and valves, water pressure regulators can clog and may fail. If you notice water hammering of any type or inconsistencies in the water pressure, have your water pressure regulator checked by contacting a qualified plumber. You can also use a gauge to test if the water pressure is still consistent with the original set point.
- If there is consistent low water pressure, you may want to consider installing a pressure booster pump. Pressure regulators only reduce pressure to a set value; they do not increase pressure.

If you have had your regulator checked by a plumber, but are still experiencing issues with your water pressure, call Water Resources at (805) 564-5413.

FLY NONSTOP TO MINNEAPOLIS ON SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES

Sun Country Airlines has returned to the Airport with a four times a week nonstop flight to Minneapolis/ St. Paul, Minnesota. Fares as low as \$200 roundtrip can be purchased at SunCountry.com. Book your flights today!

New Ordinance in the City of Santa Barbara Targets Ocean Pollution

Plastic Straw, Stirrer, and Cutlery Ordinance

July 1, 2019

When

Who

What

Alternatives

Food or Beverage Vendors
(This does not affect the retail sale of straws in bulk or straws included in prepackaged items. Other exemptions apply, see ordinance for details.)

Banned

All plastic straws and stirrers, including all compostable* plastic made from plants.
*These items are not certified to biodegrade in a marine environment.

Must Ask or Offer

All plastic utensils, including all compostable* plastic made from plants.

Recommended

Washable and reusable straws made from bamboo, metal, glass, silicone, etc.
(...or skip the straw altogether!)

For more information or assistance, visit SBRecycles.org or call (805) 564-5631.

AS THE WEATHER HEATS UP BECOME FIRE AWARE

Santa Barbara is a beautiful community that sits between the Santa Ynez Mountain range and the Pacific Ocean. We have a unique Mediterranean climate and a natural environment that is subject to wildfires, which has been evident with all the wildfires that have happened since 2007. As a resident in Santa Barbara City and County we have a responsibility to be aware and prepare. You can pick up the City's Ready, Set, Go brochures at City Fire Administration, 925 Chapala St. For more information, contact the City's Office of Emergency Services at (805) 564-5711. Do not leave a message on this line.

Readiness Tips

- Create a defensible space around your home that is free of flammable plants and objects, such as wood piles or trash.
- Monitor media whenever there is a Red Flag alert. A Red Flag alert is a national program used by fire agencies in cooperation with the National Weather Service to predict the weather conditions that increase the potential for a large catastrophic wildfire.
- Sign up for alerts at Readysbc.org and text your zip code to 888777.
- Create a personal and/or family wildfire action plan well in advance of a fire that includes the following: a meeting location outside the fire hazard area and communications plan to make sure everyone in your household is accounted for; a disaster supply kit; fire extinguishers; the location of your gas, electrical, and water meters in case you need to shut them off. Rehearse your plan regularly with your family.



Wildfire season is upon us and it's time to get prepared.

En Español

Para obtener más información, puede comunicarse con la Oficina de Servicios de Emergencia de la Ciudad al (805) 564-5711. Favor de no dejar un mensaje en esta línea. Llame al (805) 564-5711 para mayor información.

WATERFRONT BRIGHTENS THE DAY AND NIGHT WITH FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES AND FIREWORKS SHOW





The Waterfront comes alive with Fourth of July fun. Photo Credit: Becky Davis Photography

Mark your calendars! Next month the City hosts its all-day Fourth of July festivities along the waterfront. Come for music, food, fun, and sun Thursday, July 4 with an all-American celebration at West Beach and on Stearns Wharf. Local musicians will bring fun summer sounds and patriotic music to a West Beach stage, and food vendors will stage along Cabrillo Boulevard from State to Castillo streets from noon to 9 p.m.

The celebration ends with a bang during a 20-minute fireworks display, care of Garden State Fireworks and funded by the City. Fireworks will launch from West Beach starting at approximately 9 p.m. and be simulcast on local radio station 92.9 FM and live streamed on KEYT.com. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early for the free fireworks display or tune in to KJEE to enjoy the choreographed production from anywhere in the City.

The public is encouraged to use Santa Barbara MTD or Amtrak Surfliner, or walk or bike to the waterfront. Go to SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SBFourth for MTD bus and shuttle schedules, plus additional biking and parking information.

Water Wise Classes!

Water Wise Plant Maintenance 101
Monday, June 3rd
7:00-8:30 pm

All classes are scheduled at the Eastside Library
located at 1102 E. Montecito Street
Free parking available in adjacent lot.

A suggested donation of \$10/ person or \$15/couple can be made to Sweetwater Collaborative.

Classes are provided by Sweetwater Collaborative and sponsored in part by the City of Santa Barbara.

For more information visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenClasses

