



Little Thompson Water District

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Lead and Copper Notice

Date: 9/28/2016

Little Thompson Water District found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings in our community. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children 6 years and younger.

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure. The main sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil.

The following are some of the steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead in your water including:

- **Run your water for 15 – 30 seconds** to flush out lead. If it hasn't been used for several hours, run the cold water tap until the temperature is noticeably colder.
- **Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.**
- **Do not boil water to remove lead.**

Call the Little Thompson Water District at 970-532-2096 or visit our web site at: www.ltwd.org to find out how to get your water tested for lead or for more information. For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead or contact your health care provider.

This notice is brought to you by the Little Thompson Water District.

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District Manager's Message

Last spring, Jim Hibbard, the Little Thompson Water District Manager announced his retirement. While we congratulate Jim on his new role as a retired public servant of 4 decades, we acknowledge that his departure is not an insignificant transition for our organization. During Jim's 8 years as manager of Little Thompson, he guided the District through some difficult economic times. Jim's management skills and his knowledge of how to operate a water utility have helped position the District for success as we move forward. Jim's confidence in us has been reassuring as our Employees and Board continue to provide the high quality water and customer service we know our customers expect.

Around the District, we are preparing for the end of our active irrigation season. While our customers are putting away their lawn and garden equipment for the winter and getting ready for the cooler weather ahead, water deliveries are slowing down. We continue to finish the busy construction and maintenance work we started in the spring and summer months and are filling our water storage facilities in preparation for the coming year.

We also have completed a major update to our website, www.ltwd.org. Improved navigation, new features and additional content are designed to enhance our customers' experience when using the site.

Please contact us by email, info@ltwd.org, or call office at (970) 532-2096 with any questions.

Michael Cook, District Manager

2017 Budget Schedule

October 13 Board Meeting – Presentation of recommended 2017 Budget

November 10 Board Meeting – Public Hearing

December 8 Board Meeting – 2017 Budget Adoption

All Board Meetings are open to the public and are held at the District office. We welcome your attendance.

Staff Changes

August was a big month for two of the District's managers. Jim Hibbard, our District Manager since 2008, retired and Michael Cook, our District Engineer since 1993, began his new job as our District Manager.

At the end of August, District Board members (past and present) joined District employees in thanking Jim for his achievements and service to the District. Jim's time as the Little Thompson Water District manager capped an almost 4-decade career in water utility management.

Michael Cook (Mike) is not new to the District. Contact Mike at mtcook@ltwd.org. Amber Kauffman, P.E., CFM, is our new District Engineer, Contact Amber at akauffman@ltwd.org.



Jim and Mary Hibbard at Jim's Retirement Party.



Our updated website, www.ltwd.org, is bigger and brighter with new sections and graphics. The newly reorganized and redesigned site contains a lot of the content from the original version but contains almost twice as much information.

Beginning on the home page, you will have several ways to find the information you need. Easy to use icons and buttons help you navigate to sections and documents. Click on Customer Support and quickly find basic information you may need or ways to contact us. You will still find news and updates on the home page and also quick links that may change depending on the time of year. Some of these links may include Board meeting notices and minutes, conservation tips, water quality information or construction updates.

A new feature will allow us to post emergency messages at the top of the home page. The rest of the time, you won't notice the notification space. Inside the site, each of the sections focus on the specific needs of our customers or provide background information on how the District functions.

In Our Next Newsletter...

- This year, after much discussion, the Colorado legislature approved the use of **Rain Barrels** for storing rainwater. As you prepare for gardening and lawn care next year, you may be interested in adding a rain barrel or two on your property.



Avoid Frozen Water Pipes

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. A hard freeze can burst either the faucet or the connecting pipe.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas of your home. Wrap your water pipes in the attic, unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house. Pipe wrapping materials can be found at hardware or building supply stores.
- Know where your master shutoff valve is in your home. If a pipe bursts in your house – kitchen bath, basement or crawl space – this valve shuts it off.

Source: American Water Works Association