



JUNE 2024 TOWN OF LA JARA NEWSLETTER



Water Shut-off Enforcement

From this point on the Town of La Jara will be enforcing the shut-off notice. If you receive a shut off notice you will have 10 days from the day it was issued to make a payment or arrangements. If you happen to lose your shut off notice please reach out to us so we can verify your balance with you. To avoid a shut off notice we advise you to pay your bill monthly and by the due date. If you have any concerns please respectfully reach out to us and we will be more than willing to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Lawn Watering Tips

Watering in the morning (before 10 a.m.) is the best time for your lawn; it's cooler and winds tend to be calmer so water can soak into the soil and be absorbed by the grass roots before it can evaporate. If you water in the evening, try between 4pm and 6 p.m. Hoses without nozzles waste water as you move them from one location to the next and by expelling water continuously. Nozzles that automatically stop the flow of water when not in use are an affordable, easy way to reduce water waste in your yard.


Water Meters


As it gets warmer and summer approaches many individual are doing yard work and moving things around to rearrange their yard. We ask that when you do any yard work please keep your water meter clear and don't place anything over it. Also please do not park your car over your meter. Some of our meters are manual reads and some are radio reads so if an item is over your meter we can not get a good read, which can cause some issues with the billing process and incorrect reads causing issues with our customers bills. With items covering your meter our maintainance then needs to attempt to contact the customer. In some cases we can not get in contact with the home owner leading to an improper read for that month.


Mosquito Spraying


Starting June 2024 our maintenance will be out spraying through out the town. Due to the diseases that the mosquitos are carrying and the risk they bring we will be spraying down every street for the safety and health of our residents.

NEWS, UPDATES, ETC

 Court June 3, 2024 @ 6pm

 Council Meeting has been rescheduled to June 20, 2024 @6pm

 Care & Share June 13th at 2pm to 3pm.

 Enclosed is a Water Service Line Material Survey that is mandatory for all residents to fill out and return back to the town



NOTICE

Enclosed is a Water Service Line Material Survey that is MANDATORY for all residents to fill out and return back to the town hall as soon as possible.

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Glory Days

The Glory Day's committee has set the Day for July 27, 2024. The top three parade floats will have a chance to win some big prizes. There will be many activities for everyone. Keep a look out for their flyer for more information. If you have any questions please contact Larry Zaragoza at 719-580-2032.

Payment Link

At the moment our town website is currently down. Since it is down our customers can not access the quick link to pay their bill. We are working to get our website fixed as soon as possible. For the mean time for those who pay their water bills online can access the payment portal by visiting the following link: paymentservicenetwork.com/Login.aspx?acc=RT28350

Yard Debris

We know many individuals are doing yard work now that it warms up. We ask that you do not leave any branches or bags of yard debris out on the frontages. Our maintaince is not responsible for disposal and will not pick up any branches or bags of yard debris, the home owner is responsible for disposal of their yard debris.

Northerner's Senior Center

• Bingo: Monday 10am to 12:30 & Wednesday 10am to 11:30am

• Cards: Tuesday at 10am

• Yard Sale June 15th \$10 a table space for more info call (719) 580-5828

• Rock Painting June 27, 2024 at 10am

What You Need to Know About Truck Spraying

Mosquito control districts or local government departments track mosquito populations to learn where viruses, like Zika or West Nile, are spreading in a community. Spraying insecticides from a truck is one way to safely kill mosquitoes in an area, especially when people in the community are getting sick from mosquito bites. There are different types of sprayers that can be put on a truck.

Truck spraying is used to:

- Control and reduce the number of mosquitoes that can spread viruses.
- Reduce your chances of getting infected with viruses.

What are mosquito control trucks spraying?

Mosquito control trucks spray very small amounts of insecticide into the air to kill mosquitoes. This spray is a fine mist that acts as a fogger in the area. Mosquito control districts or local government departments will choose what type of insecticide to use in an area.

What does the insecticide spray do?

Adulticide sprays immediately kill flying mosquitoes. Larvicide sprays kill mosquito larvae that hatch from eggs and lasts longer than adulticide sprays. Both products will temporarily reduce mosquito populations in an area, but will not permanently get rid of them.

When does spraying occur?

Spraying takes place in the early evening when mosquitoes are more active. Often, local government agencies or mosquito control districts announce the dates and times of spraying in the local newspaper, on district websites, through public service announcements, by telephone, or through door-to-door notices.

How often do communities spray?

After spraying, mosquito control districts or local government departments will track mosquito populations and treat an area again as necessary to reduce the chances of people getting bitten by mosquitoes that can spread viruses.

Is the spray harmful to people, pets, animals, or the environment?

No, when done correctly, truck spraying will not harm people, pets, animals, or the environment.

What should I do during or after spraying?

Spraying is safe. You do not need to leave an area when truck spraying for mosquito control takes place. If you prefer to stay inside and close windows and doors when spraying takes place you can, but it is not necessary. If you are having any type of health problems after spraying, contact your doctor or healthcare provider. The spray does not harm pets, but you may choose to bring them inside when spraying occurs.



Mosquito control truck spraying insecticide into the air
Photo courtesy of Ed Freytag, City of New Orleans Mosquito & Termite Control Board



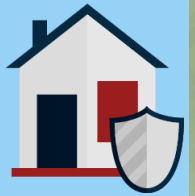
A truck with a different type of sprayer on the back.

Information on Insecticides and Health:

- The [US Environmental Protection Agency](https://www.epa.gov/) oversees the registration of these chemicals.
- The [National Pesticide Information Center \(NPIC\)](https://www.npic.gov/) provides information online or through a toll-free number, 1-800-858-7378.

If you are experiencing health problems for any reason, see your doctor or healthcare provider.

SUMMER HOME SAFETY TIPS



HAZARDS TO WATCH OUT FOR DURING SUMMER.



ROBBERIES INCREASE

Home burglary rates are 11% higher on average during summer than in winter (and higher than in spring and fall, as well).



SUNBURNS CAN BE SERIOUS

Serious sunburns send tens of thousands to the ER each year.



TRAMPOLINES ARE DANGEROUS

Orthopedic surgeons see one-to-three patients on average in a week to treat a trampoline injury.

SAFEGUARD THE HOME DURING VACATIONS.



LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW YOU ARE LEAVING.

Informing your neighbors of your travel plans and asking them to keep an eye out for suspicious activity is a great (and free) means of home security.



TRIM THE HEDGES.

Overgrown bushes are a tell-tale sign that the homeowner is away and also provide cover for burglars.



LOCK THE GARAGE.

Garages have valuables, too, and are easy to break into as people often neglect to secure the entrances properly.



PUT LIGHTS ON TIMERS.

Having lights go on during nighttime hours will lend the impression that people are home.

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE IN THE SUN.



SET PLAY BOUNDARIES.

Only allow your kids to play in an area that you're comfortable with. Make sure they don't go in the street, and if you don't want them to leave the home, tell them.



MAKE THEM APPLY SUNSCREEN.

Kids love to be in the sun, but aren't aware of the damage it can cause. Don't allow them outside without a generous coat of high SPF sunscreen.



NO FIREWORKS.

Kids can't play with fireworks, period.



WEAR A HELMET WHEN RIDING A BIKE.

If your child is going to grow up to be an astronaut or doctor, they are going to need to protect that developing brain.

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Mosquito Control: You Have Options.

Learn more: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/controlling-mosquitoes-at-home.html>



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