



A Public Service Announcement
from your Department of Public Works

Did you know.....?

...that dumping oil and grease down your sinks/drains is not just bad practice, but a violation of the municipal code? *Section 14.24.030 identifies specific items that are prohibited from being put into the sewer system. Why is this important?* Prohibited items can upset the balance of

wastes treated at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, chemicals may have reactions within the sewer system, and blockages may occur due to build-up, which could lead to sewer back-ups and overflows that affect you and adjacent residents/businesses. *Things*

you can do instead: As a resident – Pour the grease/oils in a can or jar and dispose of in the trash can. As a business – Install grease traps and contact the City regarding our FOG Program (Fats, Oils and Grease).



...that you should not turn off your water at the meter valve; not even by your contractor? *Section 13.32.070 recommends that the customer should provide a valve on the private side of the service installation to control the flow and the customer shall not use the meter valve to turn water on/off for their convenience. Why is this*

important? Unauthorized tampering of the valves has caused damage to the meters and creates leaks in the system. It costs approximately **\$2500** in labor and materials to repair each broken valve, not to mention disruption in your (and your neighborhood's) service in order for the repairs to be made. With the increase in costs and the frequency of these occurrences, the property owner **will be** made responsible for the charges incurred to make these repairs. *Things you can do instead:* Call

the City's Public Works Department at 805-686-0137 and the Water

Division will send staff to shut off and open the valves for you or your contractor.



...that the City's Street Sweeping Schedule will be changed back to Mondays? Notices have been placed in the Santa Ynez Valley News as well

as on the City's Web page and Facebook page. As of October 2012, the service will be every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month. *Things you can do:*

To ensure the best service possible, all vehicles should be parked off the street during these days between 6 am–2 pm. *Schedule for the rest of 2012:*

October 8, October 22, November 12, November 26, December 10, December 24.

