

# City of Fernan Lake

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April 4, 2011

Dear Fernan Resident:

## NEWSLETTER

### SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: APRIL 25th

It is time once again for our City's annual spring clean up. This year's scheduled pickup is scheduled for Monday, April 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011. Please have your debris out on the street prior to Monday morning, April 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, but if possible no sooner than April 23<sup>rd</sup> to allow the street cleaner access and also to keep the curb/gutter clear to allow for water drainage to flow.

Please separate or combine the types of debris as you normally would when going to the landfill, e.g. wood, metals, recyclables. Our contractor will not pick up paint, chemicals, appliances or tires.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a new City Clerk for the City of Fernan Lake Village. If you need any information or have general questions, feel free to call Cindy Espe at 208-818-9053.

### GARDEN HOSE ALERT!

We have had some problems with garden hoses being left in swimming pools and hot tubs. There is a risk of backsiphonage or backflow when this occurs. I have included a flyer explaining these dangers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We are gearing up for the annual Fernan Picnic this summer and looking forward to another successful community garage sale. Watch the website for the dates of these events. We will also send you a notice once the dates have been chosen. If you want to volunteer or work on either of these events, contact the city clerk, Cindy Espe 818-9053.

### FERNAN SEWER SYSTEM

We currently have a contract with RC Worst to make repairs to the pump station and the line from the pump station to the City Street. It is the property owner's responsibility to make repairs to the system from the pump station to the house. To minimize sewer issues within the home do not dispose non sewage related items into the sewer system such as diapers, contraceptive devices, feminine products, dental floss, plastics, paper towels or food products. Let's all do our part to keep our sewer system in proper running order. Any additional information or clarification on our sewer system, please contact Mayor Jim Elder, City Engineer Jim Coleman or City Clerk Cindy Espe.

To control costs and provide better service the Fernan Village City Council has modified the emergency service procedures for the sewage pumps.

**IF THE ALARM IS ON AT THE SEWAGE PUMP CONTROL PANEL,  
PUSH BUTTON TO SILENCE ALARM AND  
PLEASE CALL IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

1. BOB KUCHENSKI – Phone 683-0500 immediately.
2. BOB CHANDLER, Environmental Systems Operations at 691-3428.
3. R.C. WORST- Phone 664-2133.
4. JIM COLEMAN-Phone 661-2888

An instruction sheet has been posted on each electrical panel.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Our Planning Commission members have been working on amending our Comprehensive Plan (long range plan for growth and development). Their recommendation is scheduled for public hearing in front of the City Council on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30pm. It is very important to get community feedback, so please review the draft comprehensive plan on our website and come to the public hearing June 6<sup>th</sup>. The meetings are held at the Fernan Ranger Station. The current Planning Commission members are Rita Whiteford, Caroline Crollard, Paul Fromm, Sabrina Goodsen and Joseph Brown.

**CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

The Council will begin to work on the next fiscal year's budget and will be scheduling budget workshops for this summer. The fiscal year is October 1 through September 30 and the public hearing for review of the budget will be held in August. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernan Ranger Station and we will notify you of the hearing date. If you are interested in coming to a City Council meeting, the residents and the public are welcome to attend and provide public comment. The council meetings are the first Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the Fernan Ranger Station.

Thank you for choosing Fernan as your home. If you are new to our fine community, do not hesitate to contact our City Clerk for a welcome packet and any questions you may have about the City regulations.

Jim Elder, Mayor	208-641-4958
Mary Ann Tierney	208-667-7293
Sue Myers	208-661-2046
Pete Job	509-710-1992
Dick Jurvelin	208-664-9221
Cheri Howell, City Planner	208-640-9530
Cindy Espe, City Clerk	208-818-9053

**Please check out our website at [www.fernnavillage.org](http://www.fernnavillage.org) for upcoming meetings and additional information.**

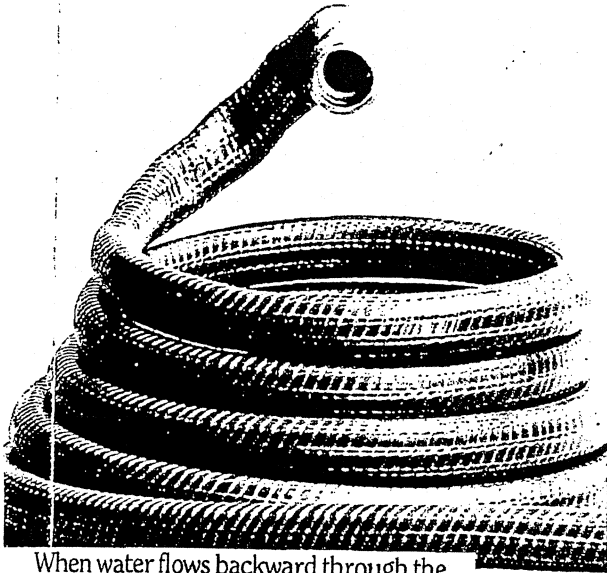
# Caution!

## Your Hose May Be Hazardous To Your Health!

*A man sprays commercial weed killer containing an arsenic compound on his lawn using a hose attachment. After he finishes, he disconnects the applicator. It is a hot day so he takes a refreshing drink of water from the hose. A short time later he dies from arsenic poisoning.*

### **What happened?**

At some time while the man was spraying weed killer, water pressure dropped, which resulted in the poison being sucked back into the hose. Later, when he drank from the hose, the poison inside was released with the water. He unknowingly poisoned himself.



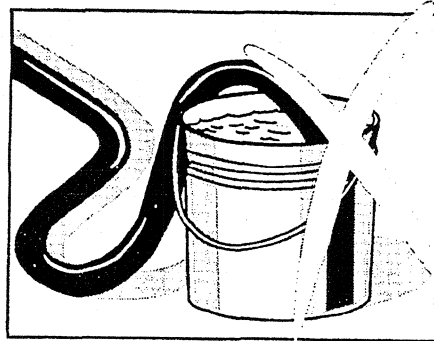
When water flows backward through the water supply system, it is called backsiphonage or backflow. When that water is accidentally mixed with hazardous chemicals or bacteria, it is called dangerous!

The danger comes when the hose — any hose — is connected to a harmful substance. If the pressure in a water main drops while your hose is submerged in polluted or contaminated water, then the water (and whatever is in it) could be sucked back into your pipes and your drinking water supply. Water pressure drops are not uncommon. They can happen when firefighters battle a nearby blaze or before a city crew repairs a broken water main.

Some harmful substances you should be wary of are the chemicals used to fertilize your grass or the weed killer used on your lawn. The cleanser used on your kitchen sink could be hazardous if swallowed, as could the bacteria in the water from your wading pool or waterbed.

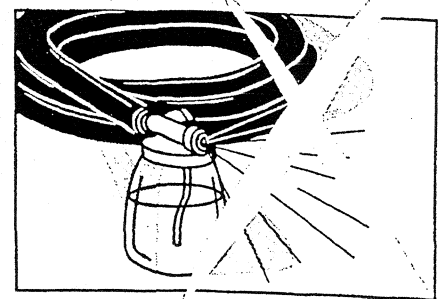
*Fortunately, keeping your water safe from these contaminants is easy. Take the following precautions to protect your drinking water:*

- Never** submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, or sinks.



- Always** keep the end of the hose clear of possible contaminants.

- Do not** use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device. The chemicals used on your lawn are toxic and can be fatal if ingested.



- Do** buy and install inexpensive backflow prevention devices for all threaded faucets around your home. They are available at hardware stores and home-improvement centers.