

District Activities

Just a Reminder: We're Here to Help... But We Need Your Help.

From time to time, we're asked what it is exactly that we do in the Hickory UWCD office. As a staff, we realize the importance of ensuring that the public is aware of our function so that the need for our services will remain. Simply stated, we are here to protect your groundwater. This process, however, involves a wide variety of services, including the following: permitting and registering wells; water quality testing; measuring rainfall and groundwater levels; performing public education programs; and monitoring water usage. Perhaps our most crucial function is the gathering, maintenance, and dissemination of knowledge regarding the state of groundwater within the legal arena; yet, this cannot be a lone effort. The District and the public we aid must work together to show an ability to manage our groundwater to the highest standard.

We would like to again remind you that one of the most effective ways we can collaborate on groundwater management is for landowners to register and permit their wells – and to keep record of water usage. The Texas Legislature is continuing the debate on groundwater issues, including the role of federal, state, and local governmental entities in setting water policies. It is more important now than ever that our District remains able to show that we have accurate records of water usage within its boundaries.

The District will continue every effort to keep you as taxpayers informed of any ground-breaking developments in water legislation. The Hickory UWCD (www.hickoryuwcd.org) website is newly updated and is an excellent source of information regarding all areas affecting our water. We will also be renewing a subscription to Telicon, the legislative tracking service which will allow the District to pass on a vast storehouse of knowledge on to you.

Please always keep in mind that we are here to answer any questions you may have regarding groundwater in this area. We can be contacted by phone at (325) 597-2785, by email at hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com, or in person at 111 E. Main in Brady.



Legislative Session

The 81st Texas Legislative Session will convene on January 13, 2009. On Monday, November 10, 2008, pre-filing of legislation begins. The general consensus is that along with transportation and eminent domain, water will be one of the hot topics. If you're interested in receiving an email legislative update periodically from the District, drop us a note at hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com. You can also search <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> for information as the session gets under way.



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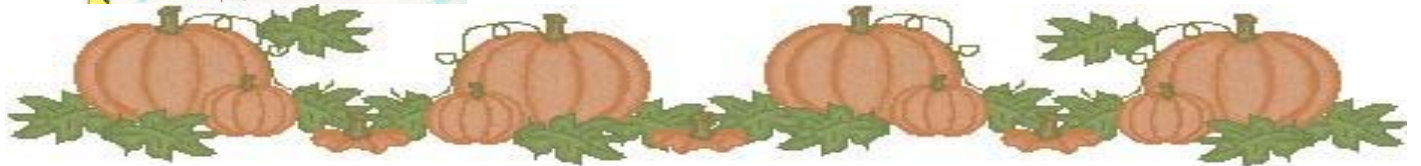


*"If there is magic on this planet,
 it is contained in the water."*
 Loran Eisley, Anthropologist

The Major Has Arrived!



Every year the District provides the Major Rivers to area 4th grade teachers completely free of charge. Correlated with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the curriculum is designed to teach students about Texas' major water resources. Major River packets for this school year have been distributed to those teachers who have requested them. If you are interested in receiving the Major Rivers programs next year, please let us know. A PowerPoint© presentation is available online at our website www.hickoryuwcd.org. Interested teachers can also request this presentation on a CD along with samples of the student



2008 Poster Contest

Another school year has started and that means it's time for the annual Hickory sponsored Water Theme Art Contest for area 4th and 5th graders.

This year's theme is **Let's Find Solutions for Water Pollution**. Each year the District encourages the poster contest to attempt to get students to think about the future of our water and how they can help maintain our water supply for future use. It is vital for children to understand that the long term prospect of our water conditions is already in their hands.

Area 4th and 5th grade teachers will inform students of the contest and assist the students with preparation of the posters.

Once posters are submitted, they will be displayed in the District office and the Board of Directors will perform the judging.

Please encourage your students that are taking part in this event to do their very best.

How much water does each activity take?	Gallons
Washing one load of clothes?	
Flushing a toilet?	
Putting 1 inch of water on a 4,000 square feet area of lawn?	
Running a dishwasher?	
Washing your hands with the water running for 2 minutes?	
Playing with the garden hose for 15 minutes?	
Leaving a faucet dripping for one day?	
A 10 minute shower?	

Answers in Average Gallons:
 1) 43; 2) 3; 3) 2,500; 4) 10; 5) 4; 6) 75; 7) 25; 8) 50