

City of

# CASTROVILLE

Monthly Newsletter

November 2017



## How to Read Your Water Meter

There are several reasons why it is helpful to locate and read your water meter. You might be interested in just how much water you use in a day. You can tell how much water was used by comparing your beginning and end of the day totals.

Your water meter is generally located near the curb in front of your home. Meters are marked "water" and are housed in a concrete, plastic box or in a meter pit with a cast iron lid. Carefully remove the lid and visually examine the area around the meter to make sure there are no harmful insects or other animals.



Water meters have a glass face with a red sweep hand and a series of numbers similar to an odometer. The red sweep hand measures usage in single gallons and every revolution equals 10 gallons of usage. Water charges are based on 1000 gallon units of usage (1000 equals 1 unit of usage). The meter in the picture reads 369200 which is the total

number of gallons of water recorded since the meter was installed. This meter would be read as 369. If during the next month the reading figures were 382500 the meter would read as 382, making the usage for the last 30 days 13 thousand gallons. The City meters also include a leak detector dial (the small triangle on the meter) if this dial is moving when the sweep is not you could potentially have a leak in your water system. You can check for leaks by turning off all the taps in your house and looking at your meter, is it still turning?

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### City Closures

**Offices Closed**

**November 10th**

**November 23rd**

**November 24th**

## Be a Good Neighbor, Follow the Code

The cool weather is returning, and you know what that means! Rodents and other disease carrying varmints are increasing in number once more. It's time to vaccinate your pets! Remember all pets living inside the city limits are required to be registered and have a current rabies vaccination. Contact your local veterinarian office to get your pet their updated vaccinations. The City is planning a rabies vaccination clinic in April. Dates and details will be announced soon. Once your pet is vaccinated, register your animal at City Hall at the cost of \$10.00 per animal yearly. A lifetime registration can be obtained for a one-time fee of \$10.00 per animal if the animal is spayed or neutered. Livestock registration is also available upon request. Vaccination and registration is important for your animals' safety as it keeps them healthy and provides a way for the animal control to return them to you should they become lost. So don't delay, take care of your pet today.



- Visit your veterinarian with your pet on a regular basis and keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date for all cats, ferrets, and dogs.
- Maintain control of your pets by keeping cats and ferrets indoors and keeping dogs under direct supervision.
- Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or vaccinated regularly.
- Call animal control to remove all stray animals from your neighborhood since these animals may be unvaccinated or ill.

## Waste Management

### Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up

Old paint, insecticides, Household Chemicals, Electronics, Sharps, Non controlled Medicines, Fluorescent Bulbs, Used Motor Oil & Filters.



To schedule pick-up call **800.449.7587**

## Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule Changes

Monday 12/25 Moved to Saturday 12/23  
 Monday 01/01 Moved to Saturday 12/30  
 Due to holiday closures.

## Old Fashion Christmas 2017

Castroville's 33rd Annual Old Fashion Christmas will be held on the 1st and 2nd of December located at Houston Square. There is no entrance fee for the event, which is sponsored by the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce. Friday night will feature vendors, music, and a surprise visitor. Saturday will host over 250 vendors providing a wide variety of gifts, arts, crafts and commercial items, as well as an abundance of food and drink to satisfy everyone's appetites. Entertainment throughout the day features music groups, gymnastics, local choirs, and more! Santa will pay his annual visit at 12:30 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to talk to Santa and have their pictures taken with him in front of the large Christmas tree. Bring your cameras!



## Holiday Safety Tips

- **Make sure you pack some patience and play it smart when heading out on the highways for Thanksgiving weekend. Drivers should get a good night's rest before traveling, check their vehicles' tire pressure, and be prepared for unscheduled closures. It is also smart to stay up to date on weather conditions and pack an emergency preparedness kit, with items such as blankets, flashlights, extra clothes, drinking water, and snack foods.**
- **Refrigerate leftovers! Leftovers should be divided into smaller portions, stored in several shallow containers, and refrigerated within two hours of cooking. Leftovers should be eaten within three or four days. Consider freezing leftovers for later use if large amounts of food remain.**
- **When reheating leftovers, heat to 165 degrees Fahrenheit throughout or until steaming hot. Soups, sauces, and gravies should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute. Never taste leftover food that looks or smells strange. When in doubt, throw it out.**



## Mayor & City Council Contact Information

Mayor, Tim Kelley	210-844-3311	mayor@castrovilletx.gov
Mayor Pro Tem, District 4, Eric Cherry	210-391-6924	district4@castrovilletx.gov
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Councilmember District 3, Phil King	210-355-6546	district3@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 5, Victor Ortiz Jr.	830-538-3687	district5@castrovilletx.gov

## City Council & Board Meetings

### City Council

- November 14th at 6:00 pm
- November 28th Cancelled
- December 12th at 6:00pm
- December 26th Cancelled

### Planning & Zoning

- November 8th at 6:30pm
- December 13th at 6:30pm

### Parks

- November 21st 6:30 pm
- December 19th at 6:30 pm

### Airport

- November 11th at 9:00am
- December 9th at 9:00 am

### Library Advisory

- November 8th at 6:30 pm
- December 13th Cancelled

### Historic Landmark Commission

- November 7th at 6:30 pm
- December 19th at 6:30pm

Meeting dates and times may change. Check the city's website for up-to-date information.  
[castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter](http://castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter)

## City of Castroville

### City Hall

1209 Fiorella Street  
 Castroville, TX 78009  
 830.931.4070  
[Castrovilletx.gov](http://Castrovilletx.gov)

### Public Works

703 Paris Street  
 Castroville, TX 78009  
 830.931.4090  
[Castrovilletx.gov/2289/Public-Works](http://Castrovilletx.gov/2289/Public-Works)

### Castroville Public Library

802 London Street  
 Castroville, TX 78009  
 830.931.4095  
[Castrovilletx.gov/2303/Castroville-Public-Library](http://Castrovilletx.gov/2303/Castroville-Public-Library)

### Police Department

411 London Street  
 Castroville, TX 78009  
 830.931.2222  
[Castrovilletx.gov/2225/Police-Department](http://Castrovilletx.gov/2225/Police-Department)

### Castroville Municipal Airport

10500 Airport Road  
 Castroville, TX 78009  
 830.931.0234  
[Castrovilletx.gov/2338/Castroville-Municipal-Airport](http://Castrovilletx.gov/2338/Castroville-Municipal-Airport)

**24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES 830.931.4091**