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Increased Security:

We are pleased to announce we are providing increased security for residents in the Kingsbridge Municipal Utility District. We have contracted with Seal Security to provide additional security to help safeguard our neighborhoods and families.

Seal officers patrol in marked vehicles and also conduct foot patrols with

their K-9 partners. (Remember these are patrol dogs, not pets, so do not approach or attempt to pet them)

SEAL Security's services also allow residents to call the dispatch center 24 hours a day. We encourage you to call for assistance, report a dangerous or potentially threatening situation.

Don't forget, if you have an immediate emergency, please call 911, as usual.

www.kingsbridgemud.com



You can reach Seal dispatch at
(713) 766-1600

and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's
office at **(281) 341-4665**.



Staying Informed:

Kingsbridge has implemented an Residential Alert Notification System to notify you quickly during atypical water-supply situations as well as District related work and events.

What does this mean?

In the event of an atypical situation, you will receive a text and/or email specifically explaining the issue. In

some cases, you may be advised to minimize the use of water or the sewer system or to even boil water for a short period of time.

The District, however, cannot guarantee that it will be able to provide these notices in every instance. The District will also utilize this system to provide notices of important events and construction projects.

What kind of emergencies can occur?

While the District does its utmost to maintain the superior integrity of our water supply infrastructure, some

inevitable circumstances may arise, such as hurricanes, flooding, power failures, equipment failures, etc...

Should I be alarmed?

No. This free notification system simply means that the District wants to keep you advised as quickly as possible of any situation or problem that may arise.

How can I receive these alerts?

You can sign up by registering on our online alerts form via the website at: www.kingsbridgemud.com/residential/alerts/

Doo the right thing:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) deems Kingsbridge MUD as a Small Municipal Storm Sewer System (Small MS4). With that in mind, there are certain practices and control measures we are required to adopt. These practices and control measures have the intent of eliminating sources of pollution entering into the storm sewers and open drainage ditches. More information regarding our updated storm water management plan can be viewed on our website at www.kingsbridgemud.com/about/swmp/.

We remind everyone that how we dispose of unwanted items, such as

curbside trash, grass clippings, plastic bags, fast food articles, paints and pet waste, all have an impact on what enters the storm sewers and drainage ways and eventually end up in Galveston Bay or the Gulf of Mexico.

Since many of us have our beloved pets, one of the ways we can help is in the proper disposal of pet waste.

Pet waste has become a serious concern for the district. Pet waste harbors bacteria and diseases that can put your health, your pet's health, and your child's health at risk. When you walk your dog carry a baggie with you and properly dispose of dog waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet. Do not flush the plastic bag.

Serious Health Risks:

Neglecting to properly dispose of dog waste can expose people and pets to viruses and parasites. Parvovirus is highly contagious for all types of dogs even more so to unvaccinated puppies. It can cause diarrhea, depression, loss of appetite, and shortened lifespan by attacking the dog's intestinal lining. The virus can remain infectious for over 6 months and can be transmitted by soiled shoes, tires, anything it touches.

It can even affect people. Some of the diseases and parasites that can be transmitted to people include campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidium, and toxocariasis. It is important to not



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leave pet waste on the ground. Help keep everyone around you safe by picking up after your dog.

Water Quality Issue

Additionally, improperly disposed pet waste can wash into storm drains through rain, washing cars, and other landscape watering. Storm drain water is usually not treated or cleaned before it empties into lakes, bayous, rivers and streams and may carry many pollutants along with the runoff water before ending up in the bay of Galveston.

Pet waste that ends up in our lakes, rivers, and streams causes many problems. Pet waste in the water increases bacteria levels and that can cause gastrointestinal problems and skin reactions, making the water unsafe for swimming and other activities. Pet waste in the water also

decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish.

Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green—unattractive for swimming, boating, and fishing.

This is why it is important to not leave dog waste on the ground. Help protect our water quality by always picking up after your dog.

Tips for Dealing with Pet Waste

- Toss it (in a trash can). Collect the waste in a plastic bag, tie the end securely, and toss it in your trash can.
 - Bury it. Scoop the waste and bury it at least six inches in the ground and away from gardens and water sources.
 - Attach a small bag or pouch to your dog's leash so that you can always carry a supply of baggies. Be creative in reusing materials for picking up pet waste. Save plastic bread bags, plastic newspaper sleeves, or plastic produce bags and use them as scooping baggies.
 - Lastly, clean up droppings around the yard at least once a week. Pet waste composters are also available commercially, so check those out.
- Flush it. Pick up the waste with a pooper scooper or slip a plastic bag over your hand. Flush the waste down the toilet. **Do not flush the plastic bag.**

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