

News from the Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District

Welcome back to our summer residents. We have 871 Water Members in Forest Lakes and we are busy doing spring turn ons. On May 12th and 13th all of our tanks were inspected and received "gold stars". They are refilled and ready for the summer.

As a Water District Member you should become familiar with the **Forest Lakes DWID Rules and Regulations**. The purpose of these regs is to protect the public potable water supply. We'll be citing some of them in the newsletter periodically, but you can find them all at <http://www.fldwid.org>. Here is one worth mentioning:

Article VIII Section 4. B . . . All Water District Members must install a control valve within 6 to 10 feet of the Water District valve at time of replacement, new installation or modification of an Authorized Service Connection. An existing Water Service Connection must be upgraded to include a control valve at such time as a replacement or modification is made to the Authorized Water Service Connection.

DID YOU KNOW... "It is state law that all underground facilities must be marked prior to excavation, trenching or other digging." Call before you dig. 1-800-stake it (1-800-782-5348) or 811. azbluestake.com or azcc.gov

AND DID YOU KNOW... **Bottled water is no healthier than tap water (and maybe less healthy than Forest Lakes water).** In theory, bottled water in the United States falls under the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration. In practice, about 70 percent of bottled water never crosses state lines for sale, making it exempt from FDA oversight. **Bottled water means garbage.** Bottled water produces up to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year. According to Food and Water Watch, that plastic requires up to 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce. And while the plastic used to bottle beverages is of high quality and in demand by recyclers, over 80 percent of plastic bottles are simply thrown away. That assumes empty bottles actually make it to a garbage can. Plastic waste is now at such a volume that vast eddies of current-bound plastic trash now spin endlessly in the world's major oceans. This represents a great risk to marine life, killing birds and fish which mistake our garbage for food. Thanks to its slow decay rate, the vast majority of all plastics ever produced still exist — somewhere.

<http://www.mnn.com/food/healthy-eating/stories/5-reasons-not-to-drink-bottled-water>

If you pack it in, pack it out. Switch to reusable cups or bottles and refill with Forest Lakes water. Without additives, our water is pure and in compliance with all rules and regulations established by Federal, State and Local government.

Kids, [click here for Interactive Water Cycle](#) - A flash animated activity that lets you control the water cycle as you learn.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!