

NOTICE
EDGEMONT RANCH METRO DISTRICT ISSUES
LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

As you have heard, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has declared a Local Public Health Emergency to protect the health of community members most at risk of severe illness due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition both the City of Durango and La Plata County have issued Local Emergency Declarations. Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District also announces a Local Emergency Declaration in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect staff and community members.

A copy of the Board's Local Emergency Declaration is on ERMD's website. It is important to note that the Governor has implemented various orders calling for residents to stay at home. This is a serious situation and to protect our staff and residents we ask that residents avoid visiting ERMD's office.

ERMD's Board is implementing the following procedures to minimize our staff and community exposure to the virus:

1. **Bill Payment:** Please make all payments to ERMD either through our online process or via the mail.
2. **Restricted Office Access:** Please do not visit the ERMD office. If you need information or assistance call the office at (970) 259-3102 or for a utility emergency at (970) 317-1011. Staff is on call for emergencies and assistance but some are working remotely until further notice.
3. **Builder/Contractor Contact:** For forms or assistance relating to permits, lot sales, meter installation and related building activity please FIRST call the Metro office to arrange for the forms to be assembled and a time for pick up. If a signature is needed please FIRST call the office to arrange drop off and staff will add signatures and contact you when the signed forms are available.
4. **Follow CDC/SJBPH Guidelines:** We ask everyone who does arrange to pick up documents to wash your hands upon entering (we have hand sanitizer on the front table) and keep a six foot "social distance" from staff. If you feel sick or have any cold or flu symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who is sick STAY HOME.

It is crucial that our staff remain healthy so that we can continue to provide water, sewer and road clearing services. Respecting the above procedures will mitigate the risks to our employees and residents.

Finally, ERMD realizes that the pandemic and various local, state and national orders have created difficulties for many people. ERMD will work with affected residents who may be experiencing financial hardship arising from the pandemic to set up a payment plan for ERMD's monthly charges, which might include waiving late fees on the District's bills through May 30, 2020 or longer as the case may be.

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