

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61

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Ongoing Projects in the District

Drainage Projects

Harris County FWSD 61 is partnering with Harris County Precinct 3 and the Harris County Recovery and Resiliency Division to share the cost of approximately 70 million dollars to fund the E132 Mitigation Project that is underway. Secondly, Harris County Precinct 3 will start construction soon on the drainage infrastructure improvements in the Barwood and Tower Oaks Meadows subdivisions. These projects consist of approximately 8,000 Linear Feet of drainage and detention pond improvements with roadway and storm sewer improvements throughout the area. The projects are designed and managed by Harris County, and are expected to be under construction from 2024 – 2026. The county also owns and maintains the streets, storm sewers and drainage ditches. Several water and sewer lines will need to be relocated and or replaced resulting from the proposed projects. For more information visit

<https://www.pct3.com/Services/Infrastructure-Projects>

Surface Water Conversion Project **North Harris County Regional** **Water Authority**

The NHCRWA is currently working on several water line projects within the district. These projects are an estimated \$60,000,000 to bring surface water to our District. The District will keep our residents updated regularly of the conversion status as it progresses. You can check out their projects at the link below.

<https://www.nhcrwa.com/projects/water-distribution-and-transmission-system>

Sanitary Sewer Rehab

The District is currently in the process of finalizing our Phase 11 sanitary sewer project, and will soon begin our Phase 12 CCTV project.

Automated Metering System

The District completed upgrading its billing software. The upgrade brought a new bill format and enhanced options for e-pay. Another tool coming soon is Water Smart, a third party application for which we encourage our customers to sign up. This application will offer resources to help you better understand and manage your water use. It helps you track water use and offers personalized recommendations for the most effective ways to save water.

For instance, if your outdoor water use is high, you will see suggestions related to irrigation practices. You can view your water use in near real-time and set-up leak, water use, and bill forecast alerts. You will also get personalized, step-by-step savings tips. We will use this portal to send communications to customers about water issues, temporary outages, ongoing repair work, and events that affect your service. Please make sure that we have your current email address so that you will not miss any notifications.

Infrastructure Relocation

The TXDOT widening project at the intersection of FM 1960 at N. Eldridge is nearly completed. Because of the project, the District had to relocate water and sanitary sewer lines, and that project is complete. TXDOT invested tens of millions of dollars into this project, and there should be a noticeable difference in traffic congestion.

Directors Set 2024 Tax Rate

On October 23, 2024, the Directors of your water district set the tax rate for 2024 at twenty-six cents (**\$0.26**) per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation. Steady development within the district has helped to keep lower rates possible. You can now pay your taxes online by going to our website and click on the [Pay Tax Bill link](#).

North Harris County Regional Water Authority Fee

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority current rate is (**\$2.60**) per 1,000 gallons of water, down from (**\$3.60**). This fee appears each month on your water bill as a separate line item listed as **NHCRWAA** (North Harris County Regional Water Authority Assessment). It is based on the number of gallons you use monthly and is collected by the district, then sent to the Authority each month. The Authority conducts open meetings on the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM**. Their offices are located at 3648 FM 1960 West, Suite 110, Houston, TX, 77068. Their website is very informative. You can find out more by reading their website, calling their office, and by attending their meetings.

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Check Out Our Website

You can find us at:

www.harriscountyfwsd61.org.

While there, look for important information like due dates, office holiday schedule, water quality information, tips, and ways to contact us.

If You Need to Contact Us....

There are several ways to contact us. Office phones are answered by staff members during office hours. After business hours, if an emergency should arise you can call the office and leave an emergency message. A field operator will return your call promptly. You can also leave a non-emergency message, which will be returned by staff during office hours.

You may email us if you have service requests or billing questions. Our email address is:

waterbill@district61.org. Any way you choose to contact us, we will respond.

District Offices

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Office Hours - M- F 7:30 am to 5:00 pm except holidays

Telephone – (281) 469-9405

Answered 24 hours. In case of an emergency, follow the prompts to leave a message. An operator on duty will return your call promptly.

Board of Directors - Regular meetings 2nd and 4th Wed. each month, **5:30 pm** in the District Offices. With the exception of November and December due to Holidays, see website for meeting dates
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