Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61

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Ongoing Projects in the District

Drainage Projects

Harris County FWSD 61's continued partnership with Harris County **Precinct 3 and the Harris County Recovery and Resiliency Division** sharing the cost of approximately 70 million dollars to fund the E132 Mitigation Project that is near completion. Secondly, Harris County Precinct 3 is starting construction on the drainage infrastructure improvements in the Barwood and Tower Oaks Meadows subdivisions. These projects consist of upgraded storm sewer system and culvert replacements along with roadside ditch re-grading. Will also include related roadway reconstruction, and sidewalks in selected areas near the school. The projects are designed and managed by Harris County, and are expected to be under construction from fourth quarter 2025 – second quarter 2027. 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 www.pct3.com/Services/Infrastructure or www.harriscountyfwsd61.org/barwoodand-tower-oaks-drainage-projects/

Surface Water Conversion Project North Harris County Regional Water Authority

The NHCRWA has completed their water line projects within the district. The district is currently taking steps to begin taking surface water in early January 2026. We will continue to keep our residents updated regularly of the conversion status as it progresses. You can check out our website for great information. Upcoming-Water-Supply-Conversion.pdf

Sanitary Sewer Rehab

The District is currently in the process of finalizing our Phase 12 sanitary sewer CCTV project, and will soon begin our Phase 13 rehabilitation project.

Automated Metering System

The District's metering systems has been in place for several years now, and works great. Now with the implementation of Water Smart, a third-party application for which we encourage our customers to sign up for can be found at the following link hcfwsd61.watersmart.com This application offers 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 use this portal to send communications to our 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 and cell phone number for text alerts. This will ensure that you receive notifications.

Infrastructure Relocation

As part of the Barwood/Tower Oaks Drainage Project, the District will need to relocate water and sanitary sewer lines throughout the project area. The drainage project contractor will be performing the work with oversight from District staff.

Directors Set 2025 Tax Rate

On October 22, 2025, the Directors of your water district set the tax rate for 2025 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. Once the conversion to surface water takes place there will be an increase in the fee to (\$3.05) per 1,000 gallons. 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.

WWW.NHCRWA.COM

North Harris County Regional Water Authority 3648 FM 1960 West, Suite 110 Houston, TX. 77068 (281) 440-3924

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

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 13205 Cypress N. Houston Rd. Cypress, Texas 77429-3188

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 2^{nd,} 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 www.harriscountyfwsd61.org.