



# Newsletter

## Target Range Sewer & Water District Newsletter

Winter 2018

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### The Target Range Sewer and Water District is pleased to announce the hiring of Larry Nagy as the District's General Manager.

Larry will be.....

Sweet Pea Sewer & Septic

728-3533

### Water Quality Testing Project

Check out this website to graphically see the water quality testing in our District. Click on various layers for well locations, septic systems, groundwater....

<http://apollo.newfields.com/bfb/targetrange.php>

### Cesspool Replacement Program

To date the Target Range Sewer & Water District has awarded \_\_ grants assisting our neighbors in the replacement of cesspools or upgrades of existing septic systems within the district. If you replace a cesspool, the district may award you a grant up to \$3000 towards your costs. Grants start at \$500 for the repair or upgrade of septic systems. Grant requests along with a written bid or estimates need to be submitted to the Board. For more details, please contact Fred Jones at 239-4300.

### Missoula Area Septic Pumping Services

Advantage Porta Potty & Pumping	240-4321
Brown's Septic Services Inc.	273-0361
Eckert's	777-2816
Missoula Septic Service Inc	549-4812
Roto-Rooter	543-8270
Superior Septic Service	822-4495

### Maintaining Your Water Well

In 2001, an independent market survey sponsored by the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) found 78% of private well owners prefer drinking water from their own well. Protecting and maintaining your drinking water resource is important and easy.

- Keep hazardous chemicals, ie. Paint, fertilizer, pesticides, motor oil far away from your well.
- Maintain a "clean" zone of at least 50 feet between your well and any kennels or livestock operations.
- Maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems (100 feet), and open water (100 feet).
- Periodically check the well cover or well cap on top of the well casing to ensure it is in good repair and securely attached to keep insects and rodents out.
- Get your water tested if you note a change in color, taste or odor.

You can hire a licensed or certified water well contractor to conduct a routine well check-up. This contractor will conduct a flow test to determine system output, inspect the equipment including pump motor performance (check amp load, grounding, and line voltage), pressure tank and pressure switch contact. Ensure well equipment is sanitary and meets our local code requirements. A water test to check for coliform bacteria and nitrates should be included with this check-up. A clearly written report explaining the results of the equipment check-up along with recommendations including the all other test results should be provided to you following the visit.

Keep your well records in a safe place. These

include construction records, well log, water testing results and maintenance records.

## What is the Condition of Your Sewage Treatment Plant?

You may have become used to calling it a septic tank and drain field but that is your own private sewage treatment plant. If you maintain it and manage it properly, you will also be preserving and protecting your aquifer and your rural way of life. What we have in the Target Range area is ours to continue to enjoy if we take care of it.

- Do you know where your tank is?
- Do you know how big your tank is?
- When was your tank last pumped?
- Do you know where your drainfield is?
- Once you find it, map it out.

Thanks for helping preserve our aquifer by taking care of your sewage treatment plant.

### This Newsletter Tip

**Perform Regular Maintenance** - Solids must eventually be pumped from the septic tank. Normally a family of four with a 1,000 gallon septic tank should have their tank pumped every 3-5 years.

## Target Range Sewer and Water District

**The TRSWD** was established in 2000 by the residents in Target Range to protect and preserve one of our most important natural resources - the Missoula Aquifer. Visit [www.TargetRangeSWD.org](http://www.TargetRangeSWD.org) for more information.

**The Board of Directors** normally meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm, at the Target Range School library. The public is invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Fred Jones at 406-239-4300.

The Target Range Sewer & Water District Board of Directors are: Fred Jones, Chairman Kari Brittain, Mitch Ferm, George Hart and Norm Smyers. Nancy Chandler is our Secretary and Treasurer. Larry Nagy General Manager

