



Newsletter

Target Range Sewer & Water District Newsletter

Spring 2016

Update on Water Quality Testing Project

The Target Range Sewer and Water District (TRSWD) has contracted with NewFields Companies LLC to undertake a groundwater study of the aquifer across the district. Our goal is to obtain a comprehensive assessment of the overall quality of the water, identify any susceptibilities or risk areas, and get recommendations for mitigation of any risks. The scope of work includes analyzing historical and current data and testing sources, additional well testing to ensure full district coverage and data base production and analysis. The Project began in December 2014 and is scheduled to finish by August 2016. To see graphically some of the great results so far, go to the following Link:

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

The TRSWD Board will use the results to help us decide future district goals and projects to further the protection and management of our aquifer.

Cesspool Replacement Program

The Target Range Sewer & Water District has a program to assist in the replacement of cesspools 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.



What do you know?

It is important that private well owners take a little time to learn about how to be a good steward of their water-well systems, which includes testing the water and acting to improve water quality if necessary.

Here's a short quiz to test your knowledge:

1. It is important to test one's well water annually for:

- a. Iron
- b. Hardness
- c. Sulfides
- d. Bacteria
- e. Nitrates
- f. d and e
- g. All of the above

2. A local health or environmental health department is a good place to start in checking on potential local groundwater contamination threats:

True or False

3. One's well may be dirty if:

- a. The water is cloudy
- b. The water flow into the well is slow
- c. There are taste and odor problems
- d. All of the above

4. Nitrates most commonly come from manufacturing sites:

True or False

5. Total coliforms are tested in water because:

- a. These bacteria are hazardous to one's health
- b. They are easy to grow in a lab test
- c. They are an indicator of possible pathogenic bacteria
- d. b and c
- e. All of the above

Quiz answers:

(1) f (2) True (3) d (4) False (5) d

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.

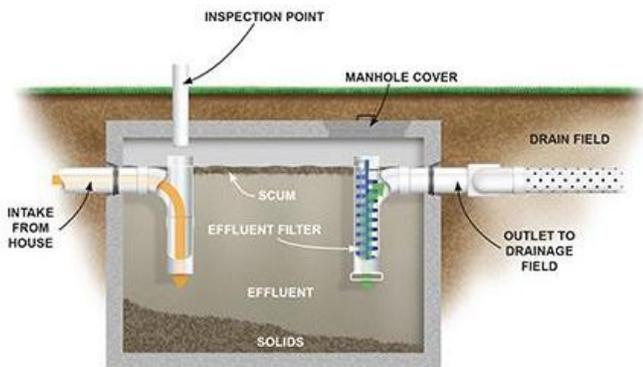
The Target Range Sewer and Water District is here to help you do just that. We love our way of life out here but we all have to take responsibility to protect and perpetuate this good accord.

We will give you some tips and ideas in these newsletters that can help us all do a better job.

Thanks for your part in helping 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 the tank pumped every 3-5 years.



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
Sweet Pea Sewer & Septic	728-3533

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 for more information.

The Board of Directors normally meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm, 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 for 2016 are: Fred Jones, Kari Brittain, Mitch Ferm, George Hart and Norm Smyers. Nancy Chandler is our Secretary and Treasurer.

Target Range Sewer and Water District Value Added Services

- The Target Range Sewer and Water District is formed to serve the people of Target Range and the natural resources we all enjoy here.
- The District is a State recognized legal entity with all of the rights and responsibilities of any public institution.
- The District provides risk management as it pertains to ground contamination and aquifer protection by Identifying and resolving potential risks.
- The Board of Directors has generated a responsible budget and management system.
- The District is a voice of the Target Range people at the City, County and State level.

