



Annual Audit Report: The MUD 18 Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 was provided to the MUD 18 board and consultants in January 2018. The audit, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, was prepared by Roth & Eyring, PLLC. The audit confirms that the MUD 18 budget and activities are consistent with the District's 5-Year Plan. The District's tax based increased approximately 8% for the 2016 tax year, primarily due to new houses added to the tax base.



Reminder - Recycle Container Placement is Important: Since automated trucks are most often used to lift and empty the recycle material into the truck, the container must be placed at the curb with the lid opening side facing the street. There is a handy reminder on the lid of the recycle bin. Very importantly, the recycle bin must have sufficient clearance from your trash bin and any tree limbs to be accessed by the automated truck. We appreciate the continued increase in participating in recycling. Please contact Rex Cambern (936/449-5761) for a recycle bin as needed.

Trash Pickup During/After Severe Weather: Homeowners, take note that when Houston and surrounding communities have severe weather such as hurricanes, flooding, freezing temperatures and subsequent destruction of property, the trash and recycling pick-up for Bentwater may be delayed. Severe weather can make it difficult for Waste Management employees to report for work for regular crews. During these weather events, trash and re-cycle trucks fill up more quickly and more frequent trips to landfills for unloading are required. Every effort is made to pick up household garbage as scheduled but recycling may be postponed. Please check your email for announcements related to trash pick-up delays and respond accordingly. Thank you for your patience during difficult times.

Think twice as you toss items into a garbage can. Make the choice to recycle rather than add to a landfill. ***Think green. Recycle Often. Recycle Right.***

Watering Tips for March and April: Many homeowners in Bentwater have St. Augustine grass. St. Augustine grass grows well in nearly all soil types and tolerates shade, heat, and some drought but does not tolerate waterlogged soils.

To keep your lawn healthy, water **only** when the grass needs it. Wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Then don't water again until the grass shows symptoms of drought stress. This usually occurs in 5 to 10 days, depending on the weather. Determine the length of time required to apply the right amount of water to your lawn. Turn on the sprinklers or irrigation system for 30 minutes. Use a garden spade or a soil probe to find out how deeply the soil was wet during the

30-minute period. When you know how much water was applied in 30 minutes and how deeply that volume of water wet the soil, then determine how long you must water to wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches. When appropriately watered, the St Augustine grass will send out its roots deeper and deeper into the soil in search of water as the topsoil begins to dry out.

Run-off from watering a lawn can waste a significant amount of water. The factors determining how quickly run-off occurs are the type of soil and the application rate of the sprinkler system. Do not apply water faster than the soil can absorb it. To prevent run-off: 1. Check the lawn while watering. If water begins running into other surfaces, note how long it took before run-off occurred. This is the maximum amount of time you should water at one time. 2. Stop watering and allow the soil surface to dry (30 minutes to 1 hour). 3. Begin watering again and continue for the time you've determined. With an automatic irrigation system, change your timer to the new, shorter time. Continue this cycle until the appropriate amount of water has been applied to wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Information was obtained from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For more details, check Texas A & M website at <http://aggieturf.tamu.edu>.

Need to Report a Problem? Don't assume the problem has already been identified or reported. If you observe a water leak, sewer odor, discolored water, open manholes, alarms are sounding, or other problems, please help us by calling: Hays Utility Service @ 936-588-1166. Hays has someone in Bentwater every day, seven days a week. They can and will respond 24 hours a day. Their general office hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

Sign-up for E-Blasts: If you are not receiving our E-Blasts, you are missing out on timely information. Go to our website at www.mcmud18.com and give us your email address. Your address will not be shared with anyone. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Meetings Open to the Public:

Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings are the **3rd Tuesdays at 9:30AM** in the Country Club Cypress Room. Meetings are open to the public. The agenda is posted on our web site and the message board in the breezeway entrance to the Country Club Grill near the Golf Pro-shop.

Sincerely,
Your MUD Board:

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