



# Newsletter

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## Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District

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## Billing Office Hours

Mondays: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 1 pm in the District Office. All meetings are open to the public.

*Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District is not associated with or governed by the Hartstene Pointe Maintenance Association. Please direct water-sewer service related questions to the District.*

*Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

## Why Hartstene Pointe Is Not Flint, MI

The Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District (HSWSD) is paying close attention to the reports of lead in public water supplies in Flint, Michigan and other communities around the nation. These reports are very serious and naturally raise questions about our own water supply. In summary, your water is safe to drink. We test it regularly and it exceeds all standards for lead.

Why do other communities have this problem when we do not? There are several major reasons.

First, Hartstene Pointe's water delivery system does not contain any lead components. In places like Flint, lead does not come from the water source but from water pipes and fittings made at least partly of lead. In many parts of the country, service lines between the water mains and homes were installed before the 1960s when it was common to use lead pipes. Hartstene Pointe's water system was built at a time when lead pipes were no longer used.

Second, the Flint River water is very corrosive, which causes the lead in the pipes to leach into the drinking water. Our water source (an underground aquifer) has very different qualities. It has a neutral pH and is not corrosive like that from the Flint River.

Finally, it appears that the water testing in Flint was seriously flawed. HPWSD takes water quality testing very seriously. Tests for lead have been performed within the Hartstene Pointe water system every three years since 1992. Every testing sample to date has been well below the Environmental Protection Agency action level of 15 parts per billion. Any issues or concerns resulting from testing would be identified and remedied quickly.

It is important to note that up until 1986, lead was a constituent of the solder used to join household copper plumbing. It has also long been a part of brass fittings and household fixtures. When the District does its sampling for lead, sample sites are selected based on what are believed to be the most likely, worst-case sites for lead exposure from household plumbing. The sampling is primarily used to determine if the water is corrosive and leaching lead and/or copper from the household plumbing. As stated before, every testing sample to date has had extremely low or no detectable lead levels.

If your home was built before 1986 and you are concerned about lead in your household plumbing, there are steps you can take to reduce the possibility of lead in your home drinking water:

- If you haven't used water in your home for 6 hours or more, run your cold water on high for two minutes before drinking or cooking.
- Once the pipes have been cleared, run the water for 15 seconds before

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drinking or cooking. Only use cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula.

- Clean the screens and aerators in faucets frequently to remove captured lead particles.
- Consider a water filter. Consumer Reports' top picks for removing lead and other contaminants are the Clear2O carafe and the faucet-mounted Culligan FM-15A.
- Test your own water samples. Dragon Analytical Laboratory is a state-certified lab in Olympia accepting samples from the general public. Visit [www.dragonlaboratory.com](http://www.dragonlaboratory.com) or call 360-866-0543.

HPWSD strives to keep our customers informed about emerging water and wastewater issues. At our website, [hpwatersewer.com](http://hpwatersewer.com), you can view HPWSD's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2015 and prior years. The CCRs provide valuable information about the District's water source, treatment, testing, and quality.

If you ever have any concerns about your water, please contact the District's General Manager and Water Operator, Mont Jeffreys, at (360) 427-2413 or [gm@hpwatersewer.com](mailto:gm@hpwatersewer.com).

## Commissioner Roger Ray Resigning, District Seeking Applicants

At the April 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Roger Ray submitted his resignation, effective April 29, 2016. The Board and staff would like to thank Commissioner Ray, a founding District commissioner, for his eight years of service.

In accordance with state law, the remaining commissioners will appoint a qualified individual to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2019. A qualified individual, according to state law, is a person who resides within the District and is registered to vote in the District.

The Board invites residents interested in serving on the District Board of Commissioners to submit letters of interest for consideration. The Board will review the letters of interest at their regular meeting on May 26, 2016. The Board will choose up to five applicants for interviews, and interview those applicants in open public meeting before appointing the new Commissioner.

For more information, please call the District Office, (360) 427-2413 or send an email to [info@hpwatersewer.com](mailto:info@hpwatersewer.com).

## Summer Water Conservation Advisory

Due to reduced well production, expected increase in summer population at the Pointe, and forecasts



for above-average summer temperatures, the District's two wells may not be able to keep up with expected water demands this summer. Current District water supplies and production are sufficient to feed the community, but only barely.

If the District experiences a major leak, critical equipment failure, or demand is higher than current well production capabilities, we will need to enact mandatory water restrictions. We do not foresee that occurring, and voluntary conservation will help reduce demand.

Tips to reduce water consumption this summer:

- Hand water your lawn & garden in the early morning or evening. Only water once every 3 to 5 days. Avoid watering in the heat of the day or when windy.
- Do not leave a hose running unattended.
- Avoid water runoff when watering landscapes.
- Do not use a hose to clean walkways and driveways.
- Place mulch around plants to keep soil moist.
- Check for and repair toilet leaks. This can save thousands of gallons per month.

## 2015 Consumer Confidence Report

The District's 2015 Consumer Confidence Report is now available. The full report can be viewed online at:

[hpwatersewer.com/97912.html](http://hpwatersewer.com/97912.html)

The report is also on the District's bulletin board in the HPMa clubhouse. If you would like a full copy of the report mailed to you, please call the District, (360) 427-2413, or send an email to [info@hpwatersewer.com](mailto:info@hpwatersewer.com).



### Drippy the Droplet's Water-Saving Tip:

***"When washing your car, use a hose with a shutoff nozzle. If possible, wash your car on the lawn to maximize water use."***

Watch for more of Drippy's tips in future newsletters and on the District website, [hpwatersewer.com](http://hpwatersewer.com).