

# Welcome to Galveston County WCID #12

Kemah Office 524 Cien 281-334-3331

24-hour Emergencies (281)290-6500

Customer Service / Billing Issues (281)290-6500

Visit your District Website: [www.galvcowcid12.com](http://www.galvcowcid12.com)

Welcome to Galveston County WCID 12 (District). Whether you are a property owner or a tenant we are happy to have you as our customer. The District provides water and wastewater services to customers residing within the District's boundaries. Our District's Operator is Municipal District Services. Below are some contact numbers and basic information to assist you.



## Contact Municipal District Services at the following numbers:

<b>24-hour emergencies,</b> to report leaks or other service related issues:	<b>281-290-6500</b>
<b>Customer service or billing issues,</b> 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday:	<b>281-290-6500</b>

## Payment for water bills:

Water Bill payments are due:	5 <sup>th</sup> of each month
Payments may be made in the following ways:	
• US Postal Service	P.O. Box 3150, Houston, TX 77253-3150
• On-line bill pay via your bank	Your bank's website
❖ Pay at Grocery Stores	H.E.B. and Kroger via CheckFreePay
❖ Pay by Credit or Debit Card	Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card are accepted at 1-855-270-3592, or at <a href="http://www.mdswater.com">www.mdswater.com</a>
❖ Pay by eCheck	Call 1-855-270-3592 or go to <a href="http://www.mdswater.com">www.mdswater.com</a>
❖ Pay at Walmart	Pay with cash or debit card at any Walmart location
❖ The 4 payment options above will charge a convenience fee	
• Galveston County WCID #12 office at:	524 Cien Kemah, TX 77565 Hours: Mon to Thurs: 8:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:30pm Friday: 8:00am to 1:00pm

## Contact for Tax Assessor:

<b>Galveston County Tax Assessor</b>	<b>409-766-2284</b> <b><a href="mailto:www.galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us">www.galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us</a></b>
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### Easy Water Saving Tips Inside the Home:

- Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes
- Never leave water running while brushing your teeth
- Repair leaky fixtures such as faucets and toilets

### Easy Water Saving Tips Outside the Home:

- Water plants and yard only when necessary
- Never water or use sprinklers during the heat of the day
- If feasible, wash the vehicle on your lawn, not in the driveway where the runoff will be lost to the sewer

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Galveston County WCID 12, we are pleased to welcome you as a customer, and look forward to serving you. Please feel free to call our District operator, Municipal District Services, with any questions.

# Galveston County WCID 12

## SERVICE AGREEMENT

### I. PURPOSE

The District is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper plumbing practices. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the plumbing restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the District will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the water system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.

### II. PLUMBING RESTRICTIONS PER STATE REGULATION

- A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination exists. Potential sources of contamination are isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate back flow prevention assembly in accordance with Commission regulations.
- B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system exists. Where an actual air gap is not maintained between the public water supply and a private water supply, an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly is properly installed and a service agreement exists for annual inspection and testing by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester.
- C. No connection exists which would allow the return of water used for condensing, cooling or industrial processes back to the public water supply.
- D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead exists in private water distribution facilities installed on or after July 1, 1988 and prior to January 4, 2014.
- E. Plumbing installed after January 4, 2014 bears the expected labeling indicating  $\leq 0.25\%$  lead content. If not properly labeled, please provide written comment.
- F. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead exists in private water distribution facilities installed on or after July 1, 1988.

### III. SERVICE AGREEMENT

The following are the terms of the service agreement between Galveston Co WCID 12 (the District) and

\_\_\_\_\_, the "Customer."

- A. The Water System will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises is connected to the Water System.
- B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other undesirable plumbing practices. The Water System or its designated agent, prior shall conduct these inspections to initiating service and periodically thereafter. The inspections shall be conducted during the Water System's normal business hours.
- C. The Water System shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other undesirable plumbing practice which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic re-inspection.
- D. The Customer shall immediately correct any undesirable plumbing practice on his premises.
- E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test and maintain any back-flow prevention device required by the Water System. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Water System.

### IV. ENFORCEMENT

If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the District shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate back flow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCT#: 30495-\_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR AUTHORIZED EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMAIL TO YOUR CUSTOMER CARE AGENT:

1. A COPY OF PICTURE I.D.
2. A COPY OF TOP PORTION OF CLOSING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR HUD-1 SETTLEMENT STATEMENT A COPY

### FEES LISTED BELOW AND DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE ARE DUE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT:

SECURITY DEPOSIT: \$100.00 + NON-REFUNDABLE TRANSFER FEE: \$15.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT: \$115.00 **PREPAID**

**PLEASE CALL 1-855-270-3592 TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR E-CHECK**

## **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM DISINFECTION METHOD**

Galveston County WCID 12 uses chloramines as a disinfectant for your water. The use of chloramines rather than chlorine is not new technology as it is in widespread use in many cities and other drinking water supplies. The use of chloramines is intended to benefit our customers by reducing the levels of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in the system, while providing protection from waterborne disease. The City of Houston has been treating its water with chloramines for over twenty years. Water containing chloramines is perfectly safe for drinking, bathing, cooking, and most other uses we have for water. **HOWEVER, there are two categories of people who need to take special care with chloraminated water:**

**Kidney Dialysis Patients** – The change to chloramines can cause problems to persons dependent on dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysate. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis units must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramines. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

**Live Fish or Other Aquatic Animal Owners** – Chloraminated water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank, please make sure that the chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramines. You may also need to change the type of filter that you use for the fish tank.

Following are questions and answers that may address questions that you may have.

### **What is chloramination?**

Chloramination is the use of both ammonia and chlorine to disinfect water. Ammonia is added to water at a carefully controlled level. The chlorine and ammonia react chemically to produce combined chlorine residual or chloramines. Chloramines are safe in drinking water and serve as an effective method of disinfection. In the U.S., many water systems have used chloramination for several decades.

### **How can I get more information?**

Feel free to contact the Galveston County WCID 12 Operator, Municipal District Services at (281) 290-6500, should you have a question or comment.

