

Welcome to Harris County M.U.D. No. 540

24-hour Emergencies (281)290-6500

Customer Service / Billing Issues (281)290-6500

Welcome to Harris County MUD No. 540 (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:

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

Payment for water bills:

Water Bill payments are due:	24 th 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	Coming in 2022
❖ Pay by Credit or Debit Card	Coming in 2022
❖ Pay by eCheck	Coming in 2022
❖ Pay at Walmart	Coming in 2022
❖ The 4 payment options above will charge a convenience fee	
• Municipal District Services drop box at:	406 W. Grand Parkway S. Suite 260 Katy, TX 77494
	16758 Telge Road Cypress, TX 77429

Contact for Trash Service issues:

Best Trash	281-313-2378
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Contact for Tax Assessor:

Assessments of the Southwest	281-482-0216 www.aswtax.com
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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 Harris County MUD No. 540 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.

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 540

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 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 540 (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, 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#: 30590-_____

DAYTIME PHONE(S): _____

YOUR AUTHORIZED EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR CUSTOMER CARE AGENT:

- **A COPY OF PICTURE I.D.**
- **OWNERS: A COPY OF TOP PORTION OF CLOSING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR HUD-1 SETTLEMENT STATEMENT**
- **RENTERS: A COPY OF COMPLETE LEASE AGREEMENT**
- **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OR REALTORS: A COPY OF LISTING AGREEMENT OR EXECUTED CONTRACT**

FEES PAYABLE UPON RECEIPT OF FIRST WATER BILL:

SECURITY DEPOSIT: \$150.00 + NON-REFUNDABLE TRANSFER FEE: \$40.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT: \$190.00



Residents of Harris County MUD No. 540

Best Trash is your trash and recycle collection provider

TRASH COLLECTION DAYS WILL BE EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

RECYCLE COLLECTION DAY WILL BE EVERY MONDAY

Best Trash will provide each residence one 65-gallon trash and recycle cart

Please have trash and recycling out by 7:00 a.m.

TRASH: On each regularly scheduled collection day, Best Trash will collect residential refuse located at the curbside in the provided roll-out carts. Please place the carts on the curb facing forward as shown in the picture below. Residents are restricted to one Best Trash cart for refuse and are encouraged to confine refuse to the cart, however additional refuse may be placed in containers (between 30- 50 gallons), or bags (not weighing over 40 pounds) and placed next to the Best Trash provided trash cart. Items excluded from normal collection are dirt, rocks, bricks, tile, concrete, tires, batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, waste generated by a private contractor or any materials or items deemed hazardous materials. Please do not dispose of gasoline, motor oil, paints, cooking oil, or any other liquid items in a container that are not visible to Best Trash personnel. If such items results in spillage that causes a stain, Best Trash is not responsible for the cleanup. Best Trash will leave a tag explaining the reason for any non-collected item(s).

YARD & BULK WASTE: COLLECTED BOTH COLLECTION DAYS EACH WEEK, Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter, no more than 4 feet long, tied in bundles not exceeding 40 pounds. The tied bundles is required to allow quick pickup and size limitations are required to avoid damaging the equipment in the compacting process. Items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpet (**up to 1 room of carpet, cut less than 4 feet wide, tied in bundles not exceeding 40 pounds**), will be picked up on both garbage collection days. By Federal Law, refrigerators, freezers, and any other items containing Freon must be drained of Freon and have an accompanying bill to validate such service was performed.

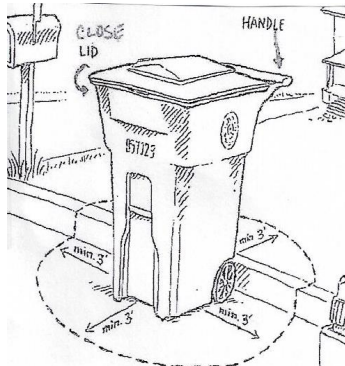
RECYCLEABLE ITEMS: PAPER (including cardboard), PLASTICS (1-7), ALUMINUM and TIN cans and GLASS (all colors)

Best Trash takes great pride in our recycle program. Ensuring the best recycle program for our customers takes time and effort on both sides. Please remove caps, liquids and food products from inside the containers. Please only use the provided recycle cart for recyclable materials. The green recycle cart is **NOT** an extra trash container and will **NOT** be emptied as such. If items exceed container capacity, please place them adjacent to the cart well marked as recyclable materials. Cardboard is recyclable, please break down all boxes flat, and place them next to the recycle cart for collection.

CART CARE & MAINTENANCE: Best Trash will provide each residence with **ONE** recycling cart and **ONE** trash cart. Best Trash will replace any carts that are defective or otherwise become unusable due to normal wear and tear. Lost or stolen carts can be replaced for \$65.00 + tax each by calling Best Trash.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: If your regular trash or recycle collection day falls on a holiday (New Years, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days) the collection will be made on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

BEST TRASH: 281 313-2378 www.best-trash.com customerservice@besttrashtexas.com



NOTICE ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Chapter 182 of the Texas Utilities Code as amended in 2021 by House Bill 872 provides that a government-operated utility may not disclose personal information (customer's address, telephone number, and social security number) in a customer's account, or any information related to the volume or units of utility usage or amounts billed or collected for such utility usage, unless the customer elects to allow such information to be disclosed.

The Utilities Code requires the District to provide notice of the customer's right to allow disclosure of his or her information. Therefore, if you wish to allow disclosure of your personal information, please check the box below and return this form to the District.

NOTE: The District is allowed to disclose information in a customer's account record to federal, state or local government officials; to District employees, officials and operations personnel; to consumer reporting agencies; to a contractor or subcontractor approved by and providing services to the District, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States; or to any other provider of utility services.

Authorization to Disclose Customer Information

PLEASE CHECK BOX IF ALLOWING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned customer allows the District to disclose the customer's account information and personal information as identified by Texas Utilities Code.

By: _____
Signature

Date

Printed Name and Address

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Municipal District Services, LLC
P.O. Box 1827
Cypress, Texas 77410

OR SCAN AND EMAIL the signed and completed form to info@mdswater.com