

THE HYDRANT

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CAPE SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

PREPARE FOR WINTER!

If you are off-island the water should be shut off at the meter.

If you are going to be gone for some time you should:

•Leave some heat on or have the plumbing drained

If you leave the heat on, a spokesperson at OPALCO suggests 55F-60 particularly if you have wood floors, which may “cup” if the moisture in the air is too high.

•Put RV **antifreeze in the toilets and sink/shower traps**. If you are unsure you should seek the advice of a professional.

•Disconnect your **Garden hoses** from the bib, and cover the bibs with a water-resistant insulator.

•Drain any **irrigation systems** and/or blow it out with air to prevent damage from freezing.

•Check your Crawl Spaces: This would be a good time to inspect your floor **insulation** and repair it if it is hanging down or missing. Ensure your access door is tightly closed, to prevent rodents and other pests from trying to find a warm place.

•Inspect your **foundation vents** for holes. Cover the vents at least on the wind-ward sides.

DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Disinfection Byproduct Levels Above Drinking Water Standards

Cape San Juan Water District (ID# 110657) San Juan County

Our water system is violating a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you should take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to try and correct the situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Here are the test results received for samples taken: The maximum contaminant level allowed is .080 mg/L.

Annual Averages:

2011 .077

2102 .101

2013 .111

2014 .092

2015 .108 New aeration nozzles installed late in year.

2016 .076 Fan installed in March

2/17 Trihalomethane .0786 mg/L

6/17 Trihalomethane .0562 mg/L

9/17 Trihalomethane .0915 mg/L

A second fan will be installed in the next month. After 2 quarters of tests it will be determined if the aeration nozzles should be replaced with a different type. This means the pilot study is still in progress.

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