



## TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

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### **OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM UPGRADE & EXPANSION.**

Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (PCDEM) expanded the number and reach of the outdoor warning sirens in 2020. PCDEM has 42 sirens in the Puyallup River Valley and the Nisqually River Valley. These sirens are meant to get the attention of people who are outside so they know to get more information.

With the upgrades the sirens have more capabilities to notify people of emergencies. This includes using voice warnings in English and Spanish, flashing lights to reach additional vulnerable populations and verbal instructions based on the emergency. For more information, visit: [www.piercecountywa.gov/5888/Outdoor-Warning-System](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/5888/Outdoor-Warning-System)

### **IMPORTANT UTILITY BILL INFO.**



**\*\*Watch out for scammers pretending to be your utility company. If someone calls you and threatens to shut off your service without an immediate payment, hang up and call the number on your bill. This applies to all of your utility providers. \*\***

**NEED ASSISTANCE:** There are numerous resources to assist South Prairie residents in paying utility and other bills and expenses. Pierce County has several resources including the Community Action Program at 253-798-6266 and the Human Services division at 253-798-4500. Washington 2-1-1 is your free connection to vital services including access to food, transportation, health care and much more. Just dial 211 to find help. Most churches also offer assistance.

**MAKE SURE YOUR PAYMENT IS PROCESSED CORRECTLY:** Please only use **black** or **blue ink** on your checks. It is also important to **include your account number** on your check/money order and **do not staple checks**. To make sure your payment is applied to YOUR account correctly, make sure the account number is clearly and correctly displayed on the check/money order. Please make sure the payment amount in full, including **dollars and cents**, is correct on your check. Submitting a payment, even a few cents shy of the total amount due, can **trigger a late fee**. Please use the Town's correct mailing address of **PO Box 870**. Payments sent to Box F need to be updated to PO Box 870. The post office will discontinue forwarding mail sent to the old PO box at some point and your payments may not be received.

### **SOUTH PRAIRIE FOOD PROGRAM.**

The Town has been the benefactor of a wonderful food program. For details and more information about when, where and what food is available to pick up, keep an eye on the South Prairie WA Talks Facebook page posts by Jamie Peterson. She is doing an amazing job administering the program and keeping all apprised on Facebook. Thank you Jamie!!!

### **WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEMS & EMERGENCIES.**

The Town's sewer system has seen an increase in non-flushable items. Only toilet paper and waste from the human body should be flushed down the toilet. Even items that say **flushable**, like hygiene/disinfecting wipes, should **not** be flushed. Other unsafe items include:

- Disposable diapers
- Sanitary napkins or tampons
- Paper towels or bandages
- Dental floss
- Condoms
- Hair
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Kitty litter

Let's all do our part to keep our system the best it can be. **As always, with water, sewer and septic utility emergencies, contact Mayor Tony Caldwell at (360) 947-4734.**

**We hope this finds you and your family safe and well!**