

# DONA ANA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

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## Board Meetings:

- ◆ December 3, 2020
- ◆ December 17, 2020

## Last Day to Pay:

- ◆ December 21, 2020

## Current Bills Due

- ◆ December 28, 2020

## Office Hours:

- ◆ Monday thru Friday  
7:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

## Office Closures

- ◆ December 24, 2020
- ◆ December 25, 2020

"It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, it's who's around it."

-Charles M. Schulz-



## Tis the Season for Holiday Cheer!

Did you know December 9th is recognized as the holiday tradition of Christmas Card Day? Sir Henry Cole of England (1818-1874) is honored as he created the 1st commercial Christmas Card in 1843. Decades ago, sending Christmas Cards by mail was a holiday "must". Today with the costs and time for writing and sending holiday cards has caused people to stop sending them. Now, with the outbreak of COVID-19 it has left many to rethink how to stay in touch this holiday season. This Christmas bring back a little tradition and send a card with a holiday greeting to stay connected and spread holiday cheer with family and friends far and near! E-Cards are FREE! Use your Google search for free E-Cards, or use 123greeting.com or Americangreeting.com/cards/ecards to spread the cheer! Send an E-Card to your loved ones, a friend, a neighbor... this list is endless. E-Cards are a fun and safe way to stay connected. It is a perfect way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during this holiday season.



## Payment Options

- ◆ Drop Box: 5535 Ledesma Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88007 – This box will be checked several times a day to ensure payments are posted in a timely manner. Check or money order.
- ◆ On-Line: [www.dawater.org](http://www.dawater.org): Payments can be made 24 hours a day. You will be required to have either registered the account or by quick pay. This could be done with either a credit/debit card or e-check. Please be aware that there will be a surcharge of \$1.25 per transaction.
- ◆ Over the Phone: Effective July 1, 2020 we will no longer be taking over the phone payments, please use the IVR system.
- ◆ Dona Ana Water is asking our customers to use the exact change at this time due to the coin shortage. If you are paying with cash, any excess will be applied as a credit. We also take checks, debit and credit cards.

**We want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope you enjoy time with your family. As 2020 at Dona Ana MDWCA comes to a close, we are looking forward to a new year. See you in 2021!**

*Peace*

*Love*

*Joy*

*Believe*

## Biscochitos Recipe

- ◆ 1 pound Morrell lard
- ◆ 1 cup sugar
- ◆ 1/2 cup orange juice
- ◆ 1 teaspoon ground anise
- ◆ 4 cups all purpose flour (approximately)

## FOR THE TOPPING

- ◆ 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat lard and sugar in a bowl until fluffy and light, about 8 minutes. Add orange juice and ground anise, continue beating. Sift flour into mixture until formed and soft. (if the dough is sticky add more flour). Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thick. Cut with flour dusted cookie cutters. Bake in oven for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Let them cool for a few minutes. Combine sugar and cinnamon in a bowl. Place baked cookie in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Place on cookie rack until completely cooled. ENJOY!

Biscochitos recipe credited to Corrina Misquez. Thank you.

## **Water Conservation In The Bathrooms**

Keep showers short. As water is scarce in our dry state, turn the water off while shampooing and soaping, then turn it back on to rinse off.

Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 200 gallons a month.

When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather. Then turn the water back on to rinse.



Take a second to think about water in New Mexico. There is not much water here, but our thirst for it is growing every day. New Mexicans use more than 120 billion gallons of water per year for household use. That is about 180 gallons per person each day. By saving water today, we can help ensure a healthy and abundant water supply for tomorrow.

**DO YOUR PART—TAKE ACTION TODAY—SAVE WATER NEW MEXICO—WE GOT THIS!**

## **Call Before You Dig**

New Mexico Law requires everyone to call NM811 two days prior to starting any excavation project, no matter the size. NM811 is a free service for everyone to use to help locate underground utility lines. Examples are building a fence, landscaping, installing a pool, installing a sprinkler system. Once the lines are marked you can safely begin your dig.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## **Policy Feature**

Having our POLICY FEATURE in our Newsletter helps build relations with our customers through regular communication and better understanding about our policies at DAMDWCA.

## **BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

Doña Ana Mutual as owner and operator of a regulated water supply system has responsibility under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and amendments to provide drinking water which is free from contaminants in excess of maximum contaminant levels as specified by state and federal regulations. The drinking water regulations adopted by the New Mexico Environment Department and amendments prohibit physical connections between a water supply system and any unregulated water source that is not protected from backflow. This policy prohibits and controls connections to the water supply system owned and operated by Doña Ana MDWCA through which a backward flow of gases, liquids, or solids could occur and contaminate the public water supply system. This policy establishes a new program for backflow prevention and control which will systematically and effectively protect the public water supply system. Practical information, measures, and specifications shall be contained in the Backflow Prevention and Control Manual (Manual), which is available from Doña Ana MDWCA Customer Service Department. This policy applies to all commercial and industrial water supply connections. Compliance with this policy is a precondition to receiving water service from Doña Ana MDWCA. For the full policy, please see pages 16-18 in our Policy Handbook.

# Quality On Tap!

Committed to provide quality water and sanitation services for members of our Community.

### **Physical**

5535 Ledesma Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM  
88007

### **Mailing**

P.O. Box 866  
Dona Ana, NM  
88032

### **Office**

575-526-3491

### **Emergency**

575-644-4027

### **Website**

[www.dawater.org](http://www.dawater.org)

### **ServLine**

575-449-8055

*“Christmas  
IS A SEASON  
NOT ONLY OF  
Rejoicing  
BUT OF  
Reflections”*

**-WINSTON CHURCHILL-**



# Merry Christmas!