

# Salix News February 2019

## Water Excise Tax – Billing Correction

Earlier this year, the Iowa legislature passed a new law which changed the 6% sales tax on water to a water excise tax. The amount of tax did not change only how the State wanted it labeled. As a result of the change, water bills for the month of January showed the tax (labeled ET) itemized on the bill, but the tax wasn't included in the total due. If you noticed your bill was a little lower last month, this is most likely why. The issue has been fixed for future bills, however, customers will notice that the water excise tax that was not included last month was carried over to the February bill (in previous balance at top of bill). For most customers, the amount is around \$3.00.



**Do you have a water leak?** A little leak loses lots! Just a slow drip can add up to 15-20 gallons a day. Toilets are notorious for their hidden leaks – they can waste hundreds of gallons a day undetected.

If you think your toilet may be leaking, you can drop some food coloring in the back of the tank. If any color shows up in the bowl, you may need to repair or replace parts.

Another appliance which can hide leaks is the water softener. It is best to call your plumber if you suspect your water softener is using too much water.

**CITY ORDINANCE 55.06: AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.



Many people have very real fears about dogs. Children and elders especially cannot protect themselves from unwelcome advances. It is important that all residents and visitors in our community feel safe and that includes knowing that dogs are restrained. "At large" dogs also cause many disturbances to other dogs who are contained. In addition, containing your animal ensures its safety. The city requires that all dogs are to be contained by fence or leash while outside.



**SAVE THE DATE...**

**SALIX FIRE & RESCUE  
CHICKEN AND RIB DINNER**

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**



See Fire and Rescue Members or City Hall  
for advance Dinner and Raffle Tickets.



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