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This is the second newsletter in our series about your water system. Part One, distributed in July 2025, focused on your cistern. In this issue, we would like to walk through the other important components of your system and explain what belongs to you as a homeowner.

From Mountain Mutual's main water line in the road, each homeowner is responsible for the service line from the point of connection to the house and everything in between. Since 2008, most service lines have been installed using a specialized type of PEX, which is durable and reliable. Prior to that, most service lines were made of copper. Unfortunately, the decomposed granite found throughout the subdivision can cause copper lines to fail, sometimes in as little as 15 years. This is not something that was well understood when copper was the common choice. If MMWC detects a water leak in your service connection, copper lines are a common culprit.

The next component in your system is the meter pit. In newer installations, there is a curb stop (valve) before the meter pit allowing MMWC to shut off the water to a property if necessary. In older systems without a curb stop, the meter pit itself is typically the main shutoff point. Inside the meter pit is the water meter with a radio transmitter, which is read each month to bill for your actual water usage. For safety and accountability, please remember that only authorized MMWC staff may access or operate the valves inside meter pits or curb stops.

From the meter pit, the service line carries water to your cistern with the service line continuing to your home. The cistern was covered in detail in our last newsletter, which is available on our website at www.mountainmutual.com.

The most critical responsibilities for homeowners are maintaining the cistern and service lines. Too often, problems go unnoticed until it is too late. We recommend inspecting your cistern at least once a year. If it has not been cleaned in several years, it is best to call a professional who can clean it and check the components at the same time. More information, along with a diagram of a typical homeowner water system, can be found on our website under the *Documents* section, titled **MMWC Water Policy**.

As winter approaches, we would like to remind everyone to make sure your water heating systems are in good working order and ready to be turned on by **November 1**. Protecting your water system from freezing can save you from costly repairs.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Mountain Mutual Water Company.



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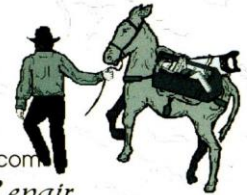
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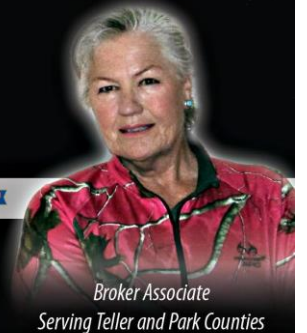
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