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Greetings City of Baker Residents from the
City of Baker Department of Public Works and Utilities
1507 Mississippi St, Baker, La, 70714

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A Message from the Director of Public Works Kelvin Ridgley

Greetings Citizens of Baker,

In light of the current COVID -19 pandemic, and as we are adjusting to our new normal, I wanted to take the time to share that you are in our thoughts as we continue to provide the services necessary to maintaining a Beautiful Baker. At Public Works, we are taking the necessary precautions to stop the spread by adhering to workplace policies regarding COVID-19.

Stay informed and stay well.

We are Baker Strong

Quick Tips Regarding General Maintenance



- With warmer months and hurricane season here, it is important to ensure the flow of drainage is properly flowing.
- As a customer, please ensure all leaves are raked and removed from your property to ensure an optimal drainage flow. Please ensure when raking, leaves are not being discarded into catch basins and storm drains as this will impede the flow of drainage.
- If something seems off about your drainage, give us a call as soon as you can to have the problem dealt with before any storms arrive.



Online Work Orders

This useful feature can be found on our website,
www.cityofbakerla.com

- The online work order module can be found on the home page.
- This allows customers to contact the Department of Public Works and Utilities with ease for matters such as maintenance issues.
- We will contact you to follow up after your request has been submitted to further discuss your issue.



Reminder



The City of Baker Officials also want customers to be aware of things that may happen to their water due to COVID-19, such as stagnant water. Stagnant water can cause a few things to occur such as, water discoloration and elevated Legionella, copper, and lead levels.

When water is stagnant within the plumbing system for an extended period, the water may develop the rotten egg smell or have a metallic taste.

Larger businesses may already have a process in place that is taken care of by the maintenance department however, smaller businesses may not.

Below are a few things the City of Baker suggests for ALL businesses:

- Dispose of **ALL** ice from ice machines & flush lines
- Flush hot water heaters
- Run dishwashers through a cycle or two
- Change water filters
- Clean water fixtures
- Not flushing the hot water may cause the smell to continue if **NOT** done correctly.

The City of Baker also **recommends** businesses to view the attached guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for how to safely manage a building's water system and devices after a prolonged shutdown. You can view the CDC's guidance on the next page or by visiting the website below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>

If you are unsure how to fix, please contact the City of Baker at 225-775-5584 and we will be more than happy to guide you through the process.