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# TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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\*\*\*WATER METERS WERE READ ON 4/25/12\*\*\*

## OUTDOOR BURNING

As we start seeing signs of spring, we have had several inquiries into the Town's Code for outdoor burning of yard debris. YES, you can burn your yard waste! Burning must be done on Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No burning on Sundays or legal holidays. **All fires must be totally extinguished by 4 p.m. NO SMOLDERING!** Fires for grilling, cooking or smoking food which are contained within an appliance or device using charcoal, wood or combustible gas are permissible. A small campfire not larger than four feet in diameter and two feet tall intended for recreation or cooking purposes is allowed. A permit is available for ceremonial, religious or celebratory fires that use virgin wood for fuel. **It is unlawful to leave any outdoor or open fire unattended.**

## THANK YOU DICK BROWN

The Town would like to recognize Dick Brown for serving as our Public Works Director for the past three and a half years. Dick's dedication to his work has been greatly appreciated! He has spent many long hours plowing snow, fixing water leaks, reading water meters, discharging the lagoons, and chipping yard waste to just name a few things that helped to maintain our Town's needs. Dick's last day of work was Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope Dick will enjoy his retirement years and know that he will be missed! Dick's replacement, Bob Hooper, has been hard at work this past month following in Dick's foot steps. When you see Dick, please make sure to thank him for his hard work with the Town and when you see Bob give him a big welcome!

## \*\*\*JUST ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT WATER METER READINGS\*\*\*

It has been six months since we have read water meters. Meters were read on April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and your water bill may or may not reflect water use overages. During each of those six months you were billed for the minimum use of 4,125 gallons/550 cubic ft. of water. If your household used above the minimum amount then the overage will reflect on the billing you will receive at the end of April due by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Any water customer whose monthly water charges have suddenly and unexpectedly increased as the result of a water leak may petition the Town Council for an adjustment in the charges for the period during which the leak remained undetected, provided, as a condition of any such adjustment, the Town Council must:

- **Find that the customer did not know about the water leak and could not have reasonably known about the water leak during the period for which the adjustment is sought;**
- **When the leak was finally discovered, the customer took reasonable action to promptly repair the leak;**
- **The Town Council must find that the increased water charge resulting from the leak during the period for which the adjustment is sought will impose an undue hardship upon the water customer.**