

MOUNTAIN GATE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Established 1956

Mission Statement: It is our mission to provide the Mountain Gate Community with reliable, safe and clean water and fire protection services at the lowest cost possible.

February 1, 2026

For
Water Emergencies
call
(530) 275-4506



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Happy Valentine's Day

Where did the popular xoxo meaning come from?



It's well known that **XOXO** means "Hugs and Kisses" with **X** representing a kiss and **O** symbolizing a hug, but when did this start and where did it come from?

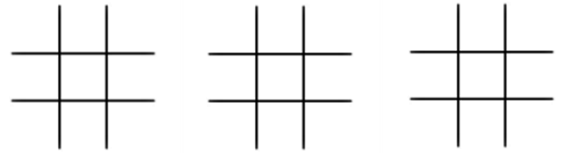
Some might say it stems from Medieval Oaths: Illiterate people signed documents with an X (representing Christ/the cross), then kissed it as a sign of sincerity, linking X to kissing. **Early Usage:** By the 1700s, X was used in letters to mean "sealed with a kiss"

Jewish Immigrants: A theory suggests Jewish immigrants, who wouldn't use the Christian X, signed with an O, which then paired with the X. **Newer Addition:** The O's meaning as a hug is much newer, with early appearances approximately around 1948.

While others believe it to be simply the visual aspect of the X resembling puckered lips and the O resembling arms hugging.

Now for some fun! Grab yourself a partner and let the games begin for the best 2 out of three, loser washes the dishes. The messiest eater goes first for the first game then the winner starts the next round with x's then O's.

XOXO TIC TAC TOE



Congratulations Emma Eagleman!

The Mountain Gate CSD Auxiliary Water Technology Scholarship has been awarded to Emma Eagleman.

Mountain Gate Community Services District Bill Pay

The Mountain Gate Community Services District has a variety of convenient payment options for our customers to choose from Choose an option that best suits your needs.

In Person~ By Mail~ By Phone~ Online~ Autopay

Our 24/7 online account access and bill pay option is available on our website. You may make payments, check your balance or check your water usage history.

www.mountaingatescd.com

Please Note: Fees do apply, electronic check transactions are \$1.50 (only available on our website) and all Credit Card transactions are \$3.10 (including pay by phone and autopay)



Mountain Gate C.S.D.

Water (530) 275-3002

Fire **non-Emergency* (530) 275-3003

Emergency 911

Looking for a quick delicious recipe, for a beautiful Valentine's day dinner?

Try this Fettuccini Alfredo recipe

Ingredients

- 9oz. Package of Rana Fettuccini noodles
- ½ cup Butter
- 1 ½ cups Heavy Whipping Cream
- 2 Teaspoons Garlic Minced
- ½ Teaspoon Italian Seasoning
- ½ Teaspoon Salt
- ¼ Teaspoon Pepper
- 2 Cups Freshly grated Parmesan Cheese
- ¼ cup freshly chopped parsley (optional)



February Events

February 2, 2026
Ground Hog Day

February 11, 2026
Board meeting



February 14, 2026
Valentine's Day



February 16, 2026
President's Day
Office Closed

March Events

March 11, 2026
Board meeting



March 17, 2026
St. Patrick's Day



When and Where to Install Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors save lives by providing early warning of fire. To ensure maximum protection, proper placement and maintenance are essential.

Where to Install

- **Inside every bedroom**
- **Outside sleeping areas**, such as hallways
- **Outside every level of the home**, including basements
- **On ceilings** (or high on walls, close to the ceiling)

Where Not to Install

- In **kitchens** or close to cooking appliances
- In **Bathrooms** (steam can cause false alarms)
- Near **windows, doors, or air vents**
- In **garages**

When to Install and Replace

- Install smoke detectors **as soon as you move into a home**
- **Test monthly**
- **Replace batteries annually** (or when the alarm chirps)
- **Replace the entire unit every 10 years**

Safety Tip

For added protection, use **interconnected smoke alarms** so that when one sounds, all alarms alert occupants throughout the home.

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