

EAST DILLON WATER DISTRICT

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WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water restrictions remain in effect. The snow this year in the watershed that recharges our aquifer has been normal to slightly above normal. While the current snow pack is encouraging, substantially more moisture will be necessary to fully recover from the prior dry years. The water restrictions imposed last July substantially reduced water usage in the District. There have been some minor modifications (see below) to the restrictions regarding the watering times and allowing hand watering that are a reflection of both the better snow pack and the prudent use of water by most residents. The long-term goal of the District is for all residents to practice water conservation year round that will minimize the need for future water restrictions. Please see the information on this newsletter regarding the Landscaping Seminar Saturday May 24th that will cover landscaping and water conservation.

Current water restrictions:

- No outside water usage is allowed between 9 AM and 6 PM.
- Even number addresses – outside water usage is allowed ONLY on Sundays and Wednesday (before 9 AM and after 6 PM).
- Odd number addresses – outside water usage is allowed ONLY on Tuesdays and Saturdays (before 9 AM and after 6 PM).
- Hand watering, using either a watering can or a hose with a shut off nozzle is ALLOWED at any time.

Landscaping Under Water Restrictions (and other water conservation stuff)

Memorial Day Weekend is the traditional start to the landscaping season. Start right with a Saturday morning seminar that will provide you with the information you need to improve the appearance of your landscaping while practicing water conservation at the same time.

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH
9:30 AM

EAST DILLON WATER DISTRICT
58 Gray Fox Lane (near Elementary School)

Presented by **NEILS LUNCEFORD NURSERY** and the East Dillon Water District.

- Fundamentals of Xeriscaping (no, it is not just rocks!)
- Plants that work in Summit County.
- How to properly irrigate.
- How to utilize automatic irrigation. Is it an affordable option?
- Question / answer forum on landscaping and water conservation.
- Learn the latest on our water supply for the summer season.
- Meet the Board of Directors.

Water Conservation – what is average usage?

The largest source of water usage in the East Dillon Water District is outside irrigation. Proper application of irrigation water and practical landscaping techniques can both save water and improve the appearance of your property. The May 24th Landscaping Seminar will provide tips and guidance on landscaping for our alpine environment.

In your home, the largest waste of water is leaking plumbing fixtures, particularly toilets. Water restrictive fixtures can greatly aid in making your home water efficient. These include toilets, low flow showerheads, and dishwashers and clothes washers that use less water. An average in-house residential usage should be approximately 3,000 to 4,000 gallons per person per quarter. Coupled with prudent outside usage during the summer should still allow a home to use no more than the 23,000 gallons that is charged the lowest water rate by the District.