

# EAST DILLON WATER DISTRICT

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## WATER RESTRICTIONS END

All water restrictions in the East Dillon Water District have ended. The District thanks all users for their water conservation efforts. The lowered water usage was instrumental in the maintaining of adequate water supplies during the drought period. The District encourages all users to continue water conservation, both inside and outside of your home.

## Why the water “holidays”?

The new voluntary outside water usage guidelines include suggested days of no spray irrigation. The District learned from the water restrictions during the drought that the off days, when no outside spray irrigation was allowed, that the lower usage allowed our aquifer to recharge better than when usage was continuous. The voluntary spray irrigation “holidays” of Mondays and Thursdays in the outside water usage guidelines allows the aquifer two days per week to recharge.

## Well field improvements

The District has completed installation of the pumps in the new wells drilled in the Soda Creek greenbelt area near the Elementary School. Following completion of the electrical controls these increased capacity wells will be utilized as part of the District efforts to optimize the use of our existing aquifer. The Soda Creek aquifer has water of very good quality. The combination of favorable weather patterns, water conservation practices and optimum pumping of the aquifer are all important factors allowing the District to use this single water source.

## Outside water usage guidelines

The District has adopted voluntary outside water usage guidelines. These guidelines will be in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> until October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. While the guidelines are only in effect during the outside landscape season, for future reference the voluntary guidelines are:

- Do not use outside spray irrigation on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Do not use outside spray irrigation between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM.
- Hand watering, either with a watering can or hose with a shut off nozzle can be done at anytime.
- Drip irrigation systems can be used at anytime.

The District believes increased awareness of the need for water conservation and the following of the voluntary guidelines during the outside irrigation season may limit the need for water restrictions in the future.