

WATER USAGE The water source of the District has remained in good condition so far this summer resulting from an adequate snow pack last winter. Water pumped in June was at record levels due to the extended dry period. Pump improvements installed in the last few years proved their value in keeping up with the demand.

As in past years, usage patterns indicate most residents have adopted sensible outside water usage practices that encourage the conservation of water. The District appreciates your efforts. The District rate structure is designed to maintain low user rates for appropriate usage. Approximately 77% of the users in the District utilized water at or below the conservation standard of 23,000 gallons per household during the quarter ending in June. Only 4% of users exceeded 50,000 gallons per quarter that the District deems excessive

Summit Cove Medians A bid for the median portion of the Cove Boulevard road improvements has been accepted and work is expected to start soon. A portion of the paving work has been completed. All work is scheduled to be completed this year.

“BAD” WATER APPLICATION The District encourages users to utilize xeriscape landscaping techniques and drip irrigation. The voluntary water guidelines are intended to help in determining sensible water usage practices. **BY FAR THE WORST USE OF WATER OBSERVED BY THE DISTRICT ARE USERS APPLYING SPRAY IRRIGATION DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.** Most of the water applied during the heat of the day evaporates due to the temperature and wind and very little of the application is received by the plant roots. This is the reason for requesting spray irrigation be used only before 10 AM or after 6 PM. While limiting any outside usage during the heat of the day is a good practice, the District guideline does not apply to hand held watering. This is to allow users the flexibility to apply water to new plantings or wash cars.

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

The voluntary water restrictions for the East Dillon Water District begin May 1st. The restrictions are:

- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed on Mondays and Thursdays.
- ❑ Outside usage is not allowed between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM.
- ❑ Hand watering, using either a watering can or a hose with a shut off nozzle is **ALLOWED** at anytime (no restrictions as to days or time).
- ❑ Outside usage using drip irrigation systems is not restricted.

The voluntary restrictions are for outside usage and are in effect until October 1st. The District monitors water levels in our aquifer and customer usage patterns. Should weather patterns, usage levels or water source problems warrant, the District can impose mandatory water restrictions.

Metered usage calculation Since the inception of the District water usage has been billed based on a per 1,000 gallons rate. Beginning with this billing your water usage is calculated to the individual gallon. The rate is still the same; usage is no longer rounded down or up to the nearest 1,000 gallons. The District measures usage to the exact gallon for most users with electronic meters so it seemed logical to bill to the exact gallon.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday August 28th in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 12 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

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