

Summit Cove Medians The median project started last fall is expected to be completed by the end of May. The rock work will be modified to the original design and landscaping installed. The focus of the median project is to improve the entrance appearance and to provide an example of low water use landscaping.

The road work is by Summit County. The purpose of the road changes was to reduce the size of the roadway to a single lane in each direction. Rather than removing the excess pavement it will be lined to define a walkway / bike lane.

WATER OUTLOOK The limited snowfall winters of a few years ago focus more attention to available water levels. A warm and relative dry late February and March resulted in water runoff levels earlier in the season than previously observed. Recent cooler and wetter weather has mitigated some of the concern regarding the early run off. However, it still remains to be seen what effect the early runoff may have on summer and fall water levels.

Even in the best years, the water availability in our region can be limited. Over half of the water usage in the District each year is for outside irrigation. As part of the conservation practices that the District encourages, the voluntary water restrictions will begin May 1st for the summer season. The water restrictions are detailed elsewhere in this information. The voluntary restrictions are structured as a guideline for residents to use water sensibly and allow flexibility.

Water "holidays" suggested on Mondays and Thursdays have proven very effective in providing our aquifer a rest period to recharge. Due to wind and heat of the day evaporation, outside water applied in the middle of the day is the most wasteful use of water we observe. Please irrigate only before 10 AM or after 6 PM. Hand watering has no restrictions to allow residents the ability to wash cars when convenient or maintain new plantings as needed. Properly maintained drip irrigation systems are also not restricted as they are a very efficient way of irrigating landscaping suitable in our high mountain environment.

Water Quality Report Enclosed with this mailing is the annual Water Quality Report (also called the Consumer Confidence Report). The high quality of water provided by East Dillon is reflected by the report. Additional information concerning our water source is included in the report.

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.

Irrigation Systems Over half of the water produced by the District is used for outside irrigation. The District strongly encourages drip irrigation systems as part of a xeriscape landscaping. Your irrigation system should be inspected when activated for the summer season. While the District's water meters are electronic, most can be read manually. The meters have a small "leak" dial that spins with water usage. If your meter is easily accessible in your basement or garage, it is suggested you check the reading before and after turning on the irrigation system to insure there are no underground leaks.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday May 21st in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 2 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

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