

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday December 10th in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. The meeting will include the hearing on the 2008 budget. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 2 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

WATER USAGE The water usage by District residents increased this summer. The 2006 summer was very wet reducing usage. The 2007 summer weather was closer to average resulting in a usage level similar to 2005.

Over half of the District annual water consumption is for outside usage, mostly for landscaping. The District discourages large turf areas as they are not appropriate for our high alpine area. The majority of water used inside the home is considered "recycled" as it is returned through the sanitation system. Most irrigation water usage is considered by water law to evaporate and to no longer be available.

The East Dillon Water District has sufficient water rights to handle all usage. During normal and wet precipitation years our water sources are also adequate to met most usage demands. However, during drought and low precipitation years the water source may not be sufficient to meet outside irrigation demands.

While many areas of the western United States and Colorado are experiencing drought conditions, Summit County was one of the isolated areas that received average snowfall last year. The District upgraded its pumping capacity in recent years to handle large demands when the water is available.

Most projections indicate more demands for water in the future. The District encourages all residents to practice water conservation and utilize prudent landscaping to help protect a limited resource.

HIGH WATER BILL?

The District promotes conservation of water and the reasonable use of water through an escalating water rate structure. The District defines a reasonable amount of water for a quarter to be 23,000 gallons. Water used at this level is charged at \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons. Water usage between 23,000 gallons and 50,000 gallons is charged at \$5 per 1,000 gallons. Water in excess of 50,000 gallons is charged at \$10 per 1,000 gallons.

During the 1st quarter of 2007, 86% of the users in the District used 23,000 gallons or less. During the recent 3rd quarter, when many residents use water outside for landscaping purposes, 69% of the residents used 23,000 gallons or less. 24% of our customers used between 23,000 and 50,000 gallons and 7% used more than 50,000 gallons.

Several factors can be involved in the excess usage of water. The District promotes the use of drip irrigation as an efficient means of applying irrigation. However, systems with leaks or improper installation can use more water than intended. Inside the home a leaking toilet generally is the cause of excess water usage. A large amount of water can run through a toilet that sticks after being flushed. Generally, we see this occur a few times each year and mostly in properties that are second homes or vacant homes that are being inspected when a toilet is flushed and the problem is not noticed prior to leaving the home.

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