

**Meter Replacement** The East Dillon Water District will be replacing your water meter during 2008. The District will be utilizing radio fix read technology on the new meters. The water readings will be collected daily utilizing the internet. In addition to utilizing the meter reading for billing, the data will provide new information to help control unintentional water usage. Sources of unintentional water usage include toilet leaks and leaks in irrigation systems.

The installation will be contracted to a company specializing in meter replacement. Residents will receive information in the future regarding scheduling of the meter replacement in your home.

**WATER OUTLOOK** The heavy snowfall this winter is expected to result in an excellent recharge of the aquifer providing water for East Dillon. Dry summer weather can quickly change the water outlook. Residents are encouraged to practice water conservation for water usage both inside and outside of your home.

Most long-term projections continue to warn of reduced water supplies in the future from greater demands and changing climate conditions. Over half of the annual water usage in the District is for outside irrigation. As part of the conservation practices that the District encourages, the voluntary water restrictions will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> 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. There are no restrictions on hand watering 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com).*

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