

**Dishwashers and Hard Water.** The District has received inquiries regarding problems with buildup on glassware cleaned in the dishwasher. The water in the District has not changed, but our water has always been hard water or “mountain” water. What did change about a year ago was the formula for dishwasher detergent. As numerous states banned phosphates in dishwashing detergent they were removed nationwide. The primary reason phosphates were included was to mitigate the effects of hard water for the cleaning of dishes and glassware.

An internet search of dishwashers and hard water will provide extensive details regarding the change and remedies. Remedies include using white vinegar or a product widely available called Lemi Shine

The minerals in mountain water are what enhance the taste and can be beneficial to household plumbing. Some consider hard water to be healthier. Hard water can be mitigated by a water softener. Users are encouraged to consider all factors in water quality for health, cooking, and cleaning applications as part of any water softening decision.

**Outside Irrigation.** The current water bill reflects water usage through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to the late winter and significant wet periods most outside irrigation was limited for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing period from April through June. However, the District can detect that either intentionally, or unintentionally, some of the outside usage is higher than normal on some properties. Generally, this is due to irrigation systems with leaks or incorrect programs. As the next billing period from July through September traditionally includes more periods of irrigation usage, owners are encouraged to check their water systems to have them operate as efficiently as possible.

*The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane at 12:30 PM. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 2 or email [admin@eastdillon.com](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com).*

## VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

The voluntary water restrictions for the East Dillon Water District began 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.

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.

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