

Drought, conservation and water availability.

Most East Dillon water users are likely already aware of the drought conditions in Colorado and Summit County. The alluvial that is the source of the East Dillon water is reflecting continual decreases in volume caused by the low snow pack and summer water usage. If it were not for the alluvial levels carrying over from the 2010/2011 winter the water situation would be more critical.

East Dillon remains on VOLUNTARY water restrictions primarily as most of the residents have been practicing conservation and sensible outside irrigation. Please continue to observe the voluntary restrictions

The two most important portions of the voluntary restrictions are to observe the water holidays (no outside usage) on Mondays and Thursdays and to not apply outside irrigation between 10 AM and 6 PM. Water applied during the heat of the day evaporates.

Water bill and usage. Remember that the 2nd quarter water bill for most users only reflects one month of outside irrigation. The 3rd quarter will include three months of outside irrigation. If you irrigate outside, your next water bill could be higher by three times or more.

If we observe high usage that appears to be unintentional due to an irrigation or plumbing system failure we attempt to contact the homeowner to correct.

If you want more information regarding your usage, you can contact the District. We can provide you, usually via email, charts of your usage patterns and daily usage. Most water meters in East Dillon report usage every 12 hours and high usage patterns are check daily. Our email is admin@eastdillon.com.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday August 27th 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.

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

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

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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