

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday December 3rd in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. The meeting will include the hearing on the 2013 budget and rates. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 668-5655 Ext 2 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

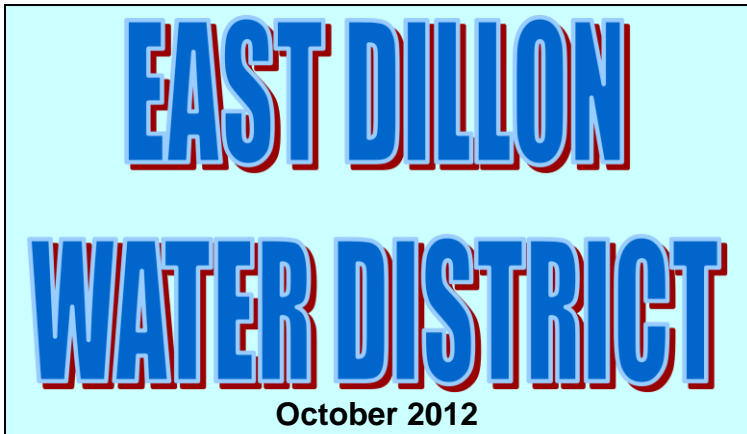
WATER USAGE The 3rd quarter water usage reflected on this billing is historically the highest billing of the year due to outside irrigation. The District appreciates users following the voluntary water usage guidelines during the irrigation season. 83% of water users were below 23,000 gallons for the 3rd quarter that is the lowest rate tier. Underground irrigation systems should be blown out and all hoses disconnected to prevent any pipe breaks during the winter.

CONTACT INFORMATION The District monitors usage patterns from the electronic meters that report every 12 hours. If unusual usage is detected, we attempt to contact the resident to minimize unintentional usage. In most cases, the usage is from stuck toilets or a problem in irrigation systems. Our contact regarding problems is by phone or email if we have the information. If you provide your phone and email to the District at admin@eastdillon.com it can be helpful if we need to contact you regarding unusual usage.

WATER QUALITY The District has excellent water quality for health and drinking purposes. The minerals in mountain water are what enhance the taste and can be beneficial to household plumbing. However, "mountain water" is considered hard and may leave deposits on dishes and fixtures. Options to mitigate deposits on glassware include small amounts of white vinegar or a product referred to as Lemi Shine. Hard water can also 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. NO fluoride is added to the water. Fluoride at 0.2 ppm is naturally present in the water.

Water Pressure The District has two water storage tanks with a combined capacity of 2.5 million gallons of water located at the top of Snowberry and near the entrance to the Summit County Landfill. The locations of the tanks provide the pressure to serve the District. The water pressure in the District is the same this year as it was twenty years ago. Increased construction, usage and weather conditions do not have any affect on the water pressure. Most of the users served by the East Dillon Water District have excess pressure to their homes that is controlled by a pressure reducing valve (PRV) that is discussed in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Users who live near the elevation of the water tanks have limited pressure – these areas are upper Snowberry, the Keystone West Ranch and the upper portion of Meadow Wood. The design of the plumbing system in your home, the sizing of the pipe, the number of fixtures and occupancy level can all influence the pressure. Modern fixtures with water saving features that we recommend to be installed in all homes can also give the perception of limited pressure

PRV (pressure reducing valve)
The pressure reducing valve (PRV) is a protection to the plumbing in your home. In most areas of the District the normal water pressure is higher than household plumbing should be exposed to over a long period of time. Most PRV's set the pressure at 55 PSI. Some have small adjustment ranges. Even the homes in the few areas of the District with limited water pressure need a PRV to protect against water surges that can originate from fire hydrant use or unanticipated water flow changes. The PRV can fail in your home and most of the problems with household water pressure reported to the District are due to a faulty PRV. Most of the failures are gradual and usually first are noticed by limited water availability when more than one water device is in use. Some PRV failures result in all water to the home being cutoff. Your plumber can check and replace a PRV. You can contact the District if you have additional questions regarding the PRV and its replacement.



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