

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 PM in the East Dillon pump station on Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 468-6256 or email [admin@eastdillon.com](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com).

## Winter Reminders & Water Usage

The periods of the highest water usage is generally during the summer months primarily from outside irrigation. However, there can be unintentional water usage from inside of the home. Toilets are generally the source of unintentional usage. Some leaks are minor and usually not noticeable by the occupant. However, as the small leak runs constantly the usage can add up to several hundred gallons a day. A test for a toilet leak is to place food coloring in the tank. If the color shows up in the bowl, there is a leak from the water flap or fill setting in the tank. Toilets can also be a source of high water usage if the flap after flushing sticks open. If not noticed right away, this usage can be several thousand gallons per day. The District will attempt to contact users if we detect unusual water usage. We monitor usage patterns from the electronic meters that report daily.

While it does not occur as frequently as from toilets, other sources of unintentional usage can be from problems with boiler systems and hot water heaters.

A break in the plumbing in a home can use large quantities of water and cause significant damage. Owners are reminded that in addition to your personal comfort, the heating of your home protects water pipes from freezing. When you lower your thermostat to save costs or during a period you will not be occupying the home, please make sure to not reduce the temperature to a level that would cause your pipes to freeze. Broken pipes from freezing can do extensive and very expensive damage to your property.

## 2016 WATER RATES

The East Dillon Water District bills quarterly and in arrears. This billing is for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015.

The 2016 base rate will increase from \$39 to \$40 per quarter effective with the next billing. The rate schedule by water usage level will increase per the chart below. An average user in East Dillon will have a 2.7% rate increase of \$2.15 per quarter. The rates are based on covering operating costs and to allow sufficient reserves for major infrastructure repairs and replacement.

### 2016 Quarterly Water Rates

Base rate \$ 40

#### Usage (per 1,000 gallons)

0-23,000 gallons	\$ 2.00
23,001-50,000 gallons	\$ 5.60
Over 50,000 gallons	\$11.20

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station is \$70.

Tap Fee (new construction) \$ 10,000 per unit.

The base rate does not include any water usage. The District utilizes a base rate structure as it is in an area with numerous vacation and second homes. The District incurs the same costs to insure water service is available to all properties, regardless if occupied full-time or on a limited basis during the year. These costs include the maintenance of water lines, pump capacity, treatment facilities and operations staff. Income from water usage charges also contributes to fixed costs and additional costs of delivering water.

The escalating rate scale of the District is intended to promote water conservation and sensible use of a limited resource.

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