



Winter 2012

# WATER LINES

Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District is governed by a five-member, elected Board of Directors. The Board meets at the District office, 13919 W. Utah Avenue at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
Office Phone: 303-985-1581 • Web site: [greenmountainwater.org](http://greenmountainwater.org)

## Denver Water increases rates for suburban customers in 2012

This year, the Denver Board of Water Commissioners adopted a 5.5 percent rate increase for 2012 for all customers of Denver Water, including the Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District. What is different this year, is that they chose to depart from the traditional method of calculating the water rates from a cost of service basis to a flat rate increase for all customers. This change in calculating the rates has raised a number of concerns with the suburban customers of Denver Water and those concerns have been presented to the staff members in charge of rates at Denver Water. The District is meeting with Denver Water in an effort to make sure

that the rates the District receives in the future are cost of service based and are fair and equitable to all customers of Denver Water.

As a result of the 5.5 percent increase, Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District will have to pass this increase along to the customers of the District. This year the lowest water rate for customers will increase from \$3.86 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.10 per 1,000 gallons. This increase will be reflected in all of the water rates for the District. The charts below will show all of the new water rates as well as the rates for the sewer and the District's operations fee. This year the District did receive a large rate increase from the Metro Wastewater

Reclamation District for charges on the sewer flows coming from the District. Through careful adjustments to the budget, the District will absorb a 23 percent increase in the sewer charges to the District. Stricter regulations in the sewage treatment process have forced the Metro District to construct additions to the existing sewage treatment plant as well as adding a new facility. The increased cost for these new treatment facilities and processes will mean increases in sewer charges for the next several years. Next year, the District will not be able to absorb a similar increase to the sewer rates. The District's Operations fee will remain unchanged for 2012.

### 2012 Water Rates (Gallons 1,000s)

#### Residential

0-22	23 - 60	61 +
\$4.10	\$4.65	\$5.25

#### Multi-Family\*

0-11	12 -30	31 +
\$4.10	\$4.65	\$5.25

#### Commercial

All Usage	\$4.65
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\* 3 Units or more. Tiers are allowed usage per unit per tier.

Penalties for late payments: 5% of past due balance which is greater than \$20.00

### 2012 Sewer Rates Sewer Charges

#### Residential Customers

\$2.75/1,000 gallons

#### Commercial/Multi-Family

\$3.00/1,000 gallons

#### Operations Fee

##### Residential

\$20.00 per billing

##### Multi-Family

\$10.00 per unit/per billing

##### Commercial

\$10.00 SFRE/per billing\*

##### Tamarisk Sub-division Lift Station

\$9.50 per billing flat

\*(SFRE based on meter size)

SFRE=Single Family Residential Equivalent

# New reservoir and pump station top 2012 construction projects

Each year, the District plans to upgrade or replace aging portions of the District's water and sewer mains. This work helps to prevent recurring water main breaks and to decrease the possibility of sewer backups caused by problems on the District's sewer mains. This year, the District is planning over one million dollars of improvements. The following is a list of water main improvements that may affect customers in the areas close to these projects.

**South Miller Way on the loop from S Miller St.** This water main supplies water to the Kipling Club Apartments and Townhomes. There have been seven water main breaks since 2001 at this location.

**West Alaska Dr. between S. Cole St. and S. Devinney St.** The existing 8-inch water main will be replaced with a 12-inch water main and several aging valves that control water in the area will be replaced. This work will help to improve water flow to the storage tank that serves this area.

**West Mississippi Ave. from S. Briarwood Dr. to W. Tennessee.** There have been four main breaks on this line since 2005. Replacement of the line will help to minimize the repairs in this dangerous work area.

**West Asbury Place from W. Yale Ave. to S. Zang Way.** This line has experienced five main breaks since 2000.

This replacement will help to complete a number of water main replacements that have already been done in this area.

This year the District will also be replacing two pressure reducing valves. These valves help maintain the water pressure on the District's main lines and are in need of replacement. They are located at 12911 W. Florida and 10459 W. Exposition Ave.

## New water storage reservoir and pump station

The District will also be working to complete several improvement projects related to the addition of the new St. Anthony's Hospital and support facilities. Work is almost complete on a new 1 million gallon water storage reservoir near the Warren Tech Center off of W. Second Dr. Work is also being done on a new pump station off W. Alameda Parkway near S. Routt St. that will be completed in 2012. This pump station will help supply water to the new reservoir and in turn help to supply the new hospital facilities.

There is also a new sewer outfall line that will cross Addenbrooke Park. This new line will help to carry additional sewer flows from the new hospital and the surrounding development. As the main developer of these areas, St. Anthony's Hospital is paying for these projects at no cost to the District for the facilities that directly service the development.

## ACH or Web site payment options are easier, greener

The District is now able to offer on-line bill payments with VISA, MASTERCARD and DISCOVER credit cards through the District's Web site at [www.greenmountainwater.org](http://www.greenmountainwater.org). The District also offers ACH payments or automatic draft payments from your checking account for the payment of your water bill. Please notice the information on page three of this newsletter detailing the instructions for signing up for credit card and ACH payments.

Once the forms have been completed and submitted to the District, the payments are automatically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your card on the day they are due. These options offer a safe and secure method for the payment of your water bill. The District also uses the Web site to post current information on programs and services offered by the District. Please take a moment and look at the Web site at [www.greenmountainwater.org](http://www.greenmountainwater.org).

Signing up for e-billing helps to cut down on the number of bills printed each month, the amount of postage the District pays to mail the bills, and the amount of time spent processing the bills once they are received back in the office. All of this helps to control the cost of operating the District and saves a few trees at the same time.

You can call the District office at 303-985-1581 for further information on these programs.



**New 1 million gallon water storage reservoir near Warren Tech dwarfs construction vehicles working on the project.**



**New pump station will help supply water to St. Anthony's Hospital.**

# This form authorizes automatic withdrawal from your bank accounts

## Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District

### Authorization for Direct Payment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) hereby authorize Green Mountain Water & Sanitation District to initiate debit entries to my (our) credit card  Visa  MasterCard  Discover **OR** my (our)  Checking  Savings indicated below and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge the origination of credit card or ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

#### Credit Card Information

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: month \_\_\_\_ / year \_\_\_\_\_

#### Bank Information (ACH)

Financial Institution/Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

Checking/Savings Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization is to remain in force and effect until the District has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the District a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

GMWSD Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: All written debit authorizations must provide that the receiver may revoke the authorization only by notifying the originator in the manner specified in the authorization.**

If interested in signing up for either of our auto-pay or e-billing options, please fill out the appropriate information for your choice and mail to: Green Mountain Water  
13919 W. Utah Ave.  
Lakewood, CO 80228

### PAPERLESS BILLING OPTION

Yes, please send e-bill notification to my email address noted below:

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

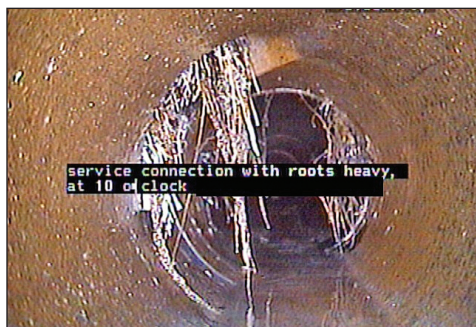
GMWSD Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ (This method will replace a paper bill.)

You may also email us your information at [gmwsd@greenmountainwater.org](mailto:gmwsd@greenmountainwater.org). Thank you.

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## Warning about sewer backups

If your sewer backs up, the first thing to do is stop using the water in your house. Next, call the District for some quick advice that can save you a lot of trouble and possibly quite a bit of money.



The District will tell you, among other advice, to bring a copy of any video taken in the line so that it can be reviewed at no charge. If the line does need to be replaced, the District can be sure that everything is done properly.

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## Chance to serve the district

# Two positions open on board of Green Mountain Water

This year will be an election year for two positions on the Board of Directors for the Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District. Board members are elected to four-year terms of office. The Board of Directors consists of five residents of the District. To qualify as a Director of a special district ("District"), a person must be an "elector," defined as a registered voter of Colorado and either:

- A resident of the District for not less than 30 days,
- The owner (or spouse of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the District, or
- A person obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property.

Director qualifications must be met at the time of the execution of the nomination petition (or of appointment by the Board of Directors, if filling a vacancy), and must be maintained in

order to remain qualified as a Director. Currently, directors are limited to two consecutive four-year terms of office.

Beginning Wednesday, February 8, 2012, interested and qualified applicants may obtain a self-nomination form at the District office at 13919 W. Utah Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228 during normal business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All self-nomination forms will need to be returned to the District office by Friday, March 2, 2012.

Each of the two open positions on the Board of Directors will be for a four-year term of office. Meetings for the Board of Directors are on the second Tuesday of each month at the District office at 13919 W. Utah Avenue, Lakewood, 80228 at 6:00 p.m.

*Please see the District's Web site for further information on the duties and responsibilities of serving as a member of the Board of Directors.*

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### Green Mountain Board of Directors

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