

District Newsletter--July 2004

Drought Restrictions Updated, effective July 1, 2004

Starting July 1, 2004 Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District will follow the amended drought restriction guidelines set forth by Denver Water. This will allow for watering on three days per week. It is still recommended that you only water two days per week, but a third day will allow our customers more flexibility. Please use the following guidelines. Please keep in mind water rates and drought surcharges will remain the same. The more water you use the higher your water bill will be. Lawn Watering up to 3 days per week.

Residential :

- Odd numbered homes on Saturday, Monday, or Wednesday
- Even numbered homes on Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday

All Other : Commercial, Multi-Family, HOA??s on Sunday, Tuesday or Friday. (Water budgets for high use parks will be set up.)

1. Average 15 minutes per zone (10 minutes for pop-up heads, 20 minutes for rotors)
2. No watering 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
3. WATERING HOURS: 12:00AM TO 10:00AM ON AND FROM 6:00PM TO 12:00AM ON YOUR ASSIGNED WATERING DAY.
4. No limit to number of zones.
5. New seed or sod. Permits for new seed or sod will be issued at the District office at no charge. Permits for new sod will allow for watering on the day of installation, then daily for 21 days but not between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. New turf seed applications may be watered daily at any time for up to 28 days. This exemption does not apply to over-seeding of existing lawns. Permits will be issued from May 1 thru August 31, 2004.
6. All water restrictions will be subject to change requested by Denver Water (Please watch the media for up-dates to their restrictions.)
7. Water Budgets will be required for Large Users (parks, schools, etc.) 70% of 2001 usage

Drought Violations

All Green Mountain Water customers should be aware of the current drought restrictions. Drought violations for watering on the wrong day, at the wrong time, or wasting water will be issued. Water Patrol personnel will take pictures and note the time and date of the violations.

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| First Violation: | Written Warning |
| Second Violation: | \$250.00 Fine |
| Third Violation: | \$500.00 Fine |
| Fourth Violation: | \$1,000.00 fine & restrictor |

Basic Rules

1. Trees and Shrubs may be watered by a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation on assigned watering days but not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
2. Flowers and vegetables may be watered by a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation on any day except Monday and not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
3. Car Washing at home may be done using a hand-held hose (with shut-off nozzle) or with a bucket on your assigned watering day, not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
4. Fountains, waterfalls and ponds may not be operated if water is sprayed into the air.
5. Washing driveways and sidewalks is prohibited except for health and safety.
6. Water waste includes water pooling or flowing into gutters and storm drains, applying irrigation water to paved surfaces, failing to repair broken sprinkler heads, watering during rain or high wind, and using excessive

amounts of water.

2004 Water Rates and Drought Surcharges

The following outline will list the current water rates for 2004. As a conservation measure drought surcharges have been added to the water rates. The customers of Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District did an excellent job of reducing the District's overall water consumption last year. Our drought surcharges try to allow for an average amount of water usage without a drought surcharge. As usage increases the water rates and the drought surcharge increase. The drought surcharges will be added to all billings after May 1, 2004.

New Residential Water Rates effective May 1, 2004

| <u>Usage Level</u> | <u>Water Rates</u> | <u>Drought Surcharge</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0-18,000 gallons | \$2.51/ 1,000 gallons | \$0.00 |
| 19-30,000 gallons | \$2.62/ 1,000 gallons | \$0.00 |
| 31-60,000 gallons | \$2.73/ 1,000 gallons | \$1.50 |
| 61-90,000 gallons | \$6.00/ 1,000 gallons | \$3.11 |
| Newest tier 90+ | \$10.00/ 1,000 gallons | \$10.00 |

New Commercial Water Rates effective May 1, 2004

| <u>Usage Level</u> | <u>Water Rates</u> | <u>Drought Surcharge</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0-300,000 gallons | \$2.272/ 1,000 gallons | \$0.00 |
| 301-500,000 gallons | \$2.72/ 1,000 gallons | \$0.75 |
| 501,000 + gallons | \$2.72/ 1,000 gallons | \$1.50 |

Most of the water used by apartment and office buildings in our District is for domestic or indoor water use. Parks, Schools, and Homeowner Associations will be required to submit water budgets to the District showing a 30% reduction in their water usage.

Please keep these rates and drought surcharges in mind this spring and summer, and use outdoor water wisely.

Water Violations can be reported anonymously to the District office at 303-985-1581

Please visit the District's Web site for periodic up-dates of the Drought Restrictions at

www.greenmountainwater.org