

PINERY PIPELINE



FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WINTER LAWN WATERING

In my 34 years of living in the Pinery, last winter was the driest winter I had ever seen with temperatures reaching nearly 80 degrees in February with little snowfall. So far this year, we are experiencing a similar pattern: very dry with little precipitation.

Last year, the damage done to lawns because of the dryness is commonly called "Winter Kill". Hundreds of lawns in the Pinery (not to mention Colorado in general) were seriously damaged and sod replacement can be very expensive.

Once you've shut down your sprinkler system, it's important to give your lawn supplemental water, with a garden hose and attachment, especially during January and February when it is very dry and there is no snow cover. These two months are typically very dry and south and west facing lawns are more prone to damage.

Spider Mite damage over the winter months is also common as Mites are only active from November through March. They like warm, sunny areas such as south and west facing lawns and prefer the grass in front of vertical structures such as retaining walls and fences. You may also find damage on the sunny side of evergreens, however, because Mites like warm, sunny areas, you will never find damage on a shaded or north facing area. The solution again is to water these areas with a garden hose over the winter.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR WATER

The Pinery Water & Wastewater District is now offering a water-monitoring program that you can have installed in your meter pit to help you keep an eye on your water usage.

Having used the program, I can attest to its value to you as a Water District customer. The initial startup cost is \$206 with a monthly service charge of 0.91 cents per month.

It's well worth the investment and here's why:

1. If you have a leak, it will let you know
2. You can monitor usage from your computer and from anywhere using your smartphone
3. It shows you usage on an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis
4. It gives you information on current 7 day usage, previous weeks' comparisons and 30 day averages
5. It will also show you daily temperature ranges and inches of precipitation
6. You can see and isolate usage from showers, toilets, washing machine, dishwasher, etc.
7. You will have better awareness to how much water you are using and can also use it to budget how much you are using for the month
8. By monitoring your usage toward the end of each month, you can avoid entering a higher tier, which will save you money (See www.pinerywater.com/rates for more information on rates and fees)
9. The cost of the program could easily be recovered through the amount you save



Incidentally, the program is called "Eye on Water" and you can get more information by calling the District Office at (303)841-2797.

Steve Tinnis, Board Member

Pinery Water & Wastewater Board of Director's



*DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US
AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE
FOR OUR REGULARLY HELD
BOARD MEETINGS AT
6:30PM ON THE THIRD
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH*

*OUR NEXT BOARD MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY
21, 2018 AND WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 21, 2018*



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
REGARDING CHANGES IN
WATER DISINFECTION AS
WELL AS CONSERVATION
TASK FORCE UPDATES!*



CHANGES IN WATER DISINFECTION

The Pinery Water District will convert its water disinfection system to chloramines in March 2018. This conversion is necessitated by the District's participation in the Water, Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) regional partnership that provides the District new renewable water sources from unused water supplies from Denver and Aurora. This project will insure a perpetual renewable water supply for our customers.

Just as now, the District's chloraminated drinking water will be perfectly safe for drinking, cooking, bathing, and all other daily water uses. There are a few uses, such as for fish aquariums or in-home kidney dialysis that require the removal of any and all types of chlorine, including chloramines. Those who use water for these types of zero-chlorine-tolerance uses should review their chlorine removal treatments to ensure that those treatments are effective in removing chloramines.

Anyone with concerns or any health-related questions are encouraged to contact their doctor for more information. Please visit our website for more information at www.pinerywater.com.

CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

The Pinery Water and Wastewater District Board of Director's approved a Water Conservation Task Force in July 2017, the purpose of which is to advise the Board and work with District staff on topics of water efficiency and other related matters. The Task Force currently has 6 members (residents and customers of the District) who formed our group in October 2017 and have met twice since that time.

Our first task has been to meet with the District Manager, Heather Beasley, and staff, to suggest goals and objectives for updating the Water Efficiency Plan for our District. The goal is to have this draft prepared and ready for Board approval this spring.

We have identified five goals that we feel are worthy of pursuit for our District:

- Set a water savings target by customer class
- Lower peak day water use
- Set a savings goal for non-revenue water
- Evaluate the water rate structure
- Enhance public education and involvement

Our next Water Conservation Task Force meeting will be held at 9:30am on Monday, March 12, 2018, in the Board Room at the District office. We will continue discussion of these goals and move further into the Efficiency Plan update.

If you are interested in observing the discussion, please call the District office at (303)841-2797 for further information.

