

APRIL 2020

PINERY PIPELINE



From your board of directors

Are you looking for a replacement for your traditional lawn, or looking for a way to reduce the irrigable lawn areas of your property? You might consider either of these with the installation of a more native type species.

Most lawns in this area are Kentucky Bluegrass and while arguably the Cadillac of lawn types, this grass requires significant maintenance to include watering, fertilizing and weekly mowing. When properly maintained, its appearance is unmatched.

Buffalo Grass is probably the best native grass option to achieve a traditional lawn-like look. It can make an attractive lawn, although not like that of Kentucky Bluegrass. However, it is very drought tolerant, does not require much fertilizer, and can be mowed short or left un-mowed as it will only grow to 4-6 inches. This means you can leave on an extended vacation and not have to worry about it.

Buffalo grass saves a great deal of water, requiring 50-75% less water than Kentucky Bluegrass. The amount of water it needs is 1-2 inches of water every two to four weeks mid-summer to maintain a good appearance. This equates to about 8-10 inches over the growing season while Kentucky Bluegrass requires about 25 inches. Leave it unwatered, it will simply go dormant, being able to survive on typical rainfall.

For those of you with large lawns, Buffalo Grass is a good alternative should you wish to reduce the size of your existing lawn while leaving some of it traditional. Since winter watering is not necessary, you can also save on water from November through April. Buffalo Grass requires less frequent mowing and does well with minimal fertilizing.

Before installing Buffalo Grass (seed or sod) there are some things you need to consider:

1. Once established, it can survive without any watering, but may turn brown (goes dormant) during extended dry spells without supplemental water.
2. It greens up in mid-May and goes dormant in early September, so it's not green for as many months as traditional Kentucky Bluegrass.
3. Some new varieties are dense, attractive, and do well over winter.
4. It is a warm season grass and spreads by above-ground Stolon's, rather than underground Rhizomes of Kentucky Blue Grass.
5. Sod installation cost is more expensive than Kentucky Bluegrass and its availability is more limited.
6. It does not do well in moderate to very shady areas.
7. It will not tolerate constant heavy foot traffic.
8. It does poorly in very sandy soil without supplemental irrigation.

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Board Meetings will still be held at 6:30pm on:

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

*(*this meeting will be a digital meeting, please see meeting notice for information on joining the meeting by internet.)*

Wednesday, May 20, 2020



**Steve Tinnes, Treasurer
Pinery Water and Wastewater District
Board of Directors**

GARDEN IN A BOX | PLANT A NEW PERSPECTIVE

You've decided that this is the year you'll finally get your yard in shape – but how can you get the gorgeous, colorful garden you've always wanted without paying the professional price tag and doubling your water bill? Easy. With just a click, you can order a xeric (low-water) garden kit in March that's ready to pick up and plant in May. These pre-designed kits are tailored to Colorado soil, and the simple plant-by-number maps take the guesswork out of buying and planting. Plus, the garden kits can help you save around 1,000 gallons of water compared to a traditional grass lawn (not to mention savings on your water bill!)



Starting at just \$110, there's a Garden in A Box to fit your budget. Gardens sell out quickly - visit ResourceCentral.org/Gardens and receive \$25 discount for being a Pinery Water and Wastewater District customer. Order your water-wise Garden in A Box today and spend time enjoying your yard this summer.

If you have any questions or want more information about Garden in a Box, go to

ResourceCentral.org/Gardens or call 303-999-3820 x 222

UPCOMING WATER EFFICIENCY SEMINAR

Join us and learn the basics of waterwise landscaping and efficient irrigation best practices to apply to your very own yard! This class will explore the "how to's" of conserving water while creating a functional and attractive outdoor space. We will introduce basic concepts of waterwise landscaping, irrigating your landscape efficiently, cutting edge irrigation technology, and ways to modify existing landscapes to cut back on water use. Whether you're renovating an existing landscape or are starting a new project from scratch this class will focus on practical DIY solutions to everyday challenges in your yard.

"The Basics of Waterwise Landscaping and Efficient Irrigation"

Speaker: Alison O'Connor, CSU Extension

June 2nd from 6-8pm – Webinar

Event URL: <https://resourcecentral.org/event/the-basics-of-waterwise-landscaping-and-efficient-irrigation/>

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Reminder that crews will be out flushing, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM with plans to wrap up by May 15. For questions or concerns, please call the District office at 303-841-2797 or email us at info@pinerywater.com.

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