

JUNE 2021

# PINERY PIPELINE



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## *From your board of directors*

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Wow! I don't know about you, but I have been amazed at just how much moisture we have received since the first of April. After a wet spring it is easy to forget that much of Colorado remains in drought. We can't forget that Colorado is a semiarid state and while we can't control the weather, we can ensure the water we get goes further.

Water experts expect a further reduction in the amount of melt water flowing in all Colorado river basins because of dry mountain soils. The parched landscape will soak up the moisture. The reduced runoff means less water will end up in our reservoirs. Our reservoirs, both surface and alluvial, are our water bank and with less going into them in the way of deposits, we need to reduce our withdrawals.

Krista Kafer, a columnist for The Denver Post wrote an excellent article which provides some ideas on just how to do this. The following are some of the ideas she suggests in the column published in the Perspective Section of the Sunday, May 23 paper.

While replacing old plumbing fixtures and appliances with water-efficient ones is a good way to start, keep in mind that half of single-family home water use goes to the outdoors. Reducing some of your lawn square footage with low water plants will not only lower your water bill, but it will also help conserve our state's most precious resource.

For every 100 square feet of lawn that is swapped out with low water plants a homeowner will save 1,000 gallons the first year. That figure only increases each year once those plants have an established root system. Flowering plants draw butterflies, bumblebees, and hummingbirds and bushes such as spirea, sand cherry, lilac, serviceberry and potentilla can create a lush look while using less water than lawn grasses. Other options include Oregon holly berry, juniper and broom. For really low maintenance try sages, yarrow, bachelor button, yucca, Sulphur flower, mint and succulent plants.

Krista suggests looking for Plant Select plants at your local garden store. These plants are selected by Colorado State University, Denver Botanic Gardens, and horticulture professionals for their attractiveness, hardiness, and low water consumption. Director Jim McGannon wrote an article for the April edition of the Pinery Pipeline regarding xeriscape. Check it out if you have not already done so along with the section on *Water Efficiency* on our website. Now is the time to refresh your landscaping with more than water.

Eye on Water is being implemented on every customer's water meter at no cost to the customer throughout this year. If you have already been set up it is a great time to go online and check for water leaks as sprinkler systems are being restarted for the summer. A small leak over 24 hours can amount to a significant water use which translates directly into your water bill. Here's hoping that we continue to be blessed with a greater than normal rainfall as we head into the summer season!



**Kenneth Smith,**  
**Director of Pinery Water and**  
**Wastewater District Board of Directors**

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly held Board Meetings at 6:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Board Meetings will still be held digitally at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 16, 2021

(\*please see meeting notice for information on joining the meeting by internet.)

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

## 2021 WATERING SCHEDULE

PINERY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVEN Numbered Addresses	ODD Numbered Addresses	EVEN Numbered Addresses	ODD Numbered Addresses	EVEN Numbered Addresses	<b>NO WATERING</b>	ODD Numbered Addresses

**No Watering between 10am & 6pm**  
Hand Watering Allowed Anytime

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**Customer Service: 303.841.2797**

- Do not allow water to flow off grass and into gutters, streets, and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.
- Please remember not to water on Fridays.

### Lawn Care that Cares

Sunday makes lawn care easy, smart, and better for people, pets, and planet. They are partnering with Resource Central, a regional conservation organization, to help make conservation in your community easy too. Use discount code **"RCFRIENDS20"** to get \$20 off your 2021 smart lawn plan and 20% of your purchase will be donated directly to Resource Central. Visit [getsunday.com](https://getsunday.com) to learn more!

### GARDEN IN A BOX | PLANT A NEW PERSPECTIVE



The summer Garden In A Box sale is complete, but this year's fall sale is coming up! If you are interested in purchasing fall gardens, be sure to sign up to get on the email list using the form on the **right side of Resource Central's Garden Store**, <https://resourcecentral.org/gardens/shop/>.

### SLOW THE FLOW – FREE SPRINKLER SYSTEM AUDITS

Again this year, the Pinery Water District and Resource Central are teaming up to provide a free sprinkler consultation to our

customers. Resource Central technicians will run a few tests to check your sprinklers' efficiency and diagnose any problems your system might have. At the end of your consultation, which takes about 75 minutes, you will receive a customized watering schedule designed to reduce water usage and keep your lawn healthy and beautiful all summer long! **Simply call (303) 999-3824 or sign up at [ResourceCentral.org/Sprinklers](https://ResourceCentral.org/Sprinklers). Stay green, save blue.**

### Annual Water Quality Report

The Pinery Water and Wastewater District produces an Annual Water Quality Report, which includes information about the quality of the water the District supplies. The 2021 Annual Water Quality Report is available on our district website under My Pinery Water-Water Quality tab, <https://pinerywater.com/water-quality/>.

### Summer Watering

Believe it or not, it is very easy to use more water in the summer on your lawn and landscape than what you use all year long on everything else. Colorado is a dryer climate with some days that have some high temperatures, but you still don't have to use that much water. Water is a limited resource in our semi-arid, high altitude climate. Following our watering schedule and tips will help you maximize your summer water usage, save you money, and helps keep our demand as a District down. Look at the 2020 Watering Schedule and some other tips to help you this summer.

#### Tips:

- Water during cooler times of the day — No watering between 10am and 6pm.
- Water no more than three days per week.



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