

PINERY PIPELINE MAY 2025

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly Board Meetings typically held at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 21st and Wednesday, June 18th.



From your Board of Directors

WHO DO WE HAVE TO GET ALONG WITH?

Here in the Pinery, it would be natural to assume that we can do whatever we want to with our water. After all, it is *our* water, right? It is never quite that simple when it comes to water resources in Colorado. Water resource use within the Pinery is governed by various agreements spanning a myriad of water districts. It is in the best interest of Pinery Water to get along with all of them.

It is important to keep in mind what the phrase “our water” means in Colorado. More accurately, Pinery Water has *water rights* which are comprised of both senior and junior water rights. The holder of a senior water right is the first in line for use of a particular water resource. A junior water right holder must wait in line behind a senior right holder before being allowed to take water.

Pinery Water gets about 75% of its water from the Cherry Creek alluvial aquifer to which we have both senior and junior rights (<https://pinerywater.com/water-supply/>). However, not all these water rights are exclusive to us. Pinery Water is a member of the Cherry Creek Project Water Authority (“CCPWA”), along with the Town of Castle Rock (TCR), Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District (“CWSD”) and Inverness Water and Sanitation District (“IWSD”). Not only do we engage with members of these organizations, but we also interact with Board Members of CCPWA itself.

Over the course of a year, CCPWA has water rights to over 1,266 acre-feet (AF) of Cherry Creek water. An acre-foot is a volume of water one-foot-thick spread over one acre and is about the amount of water needed for two homes for the entire year. Pinery Water must share this with the other three members of CCPWA. The amount each member is allowed to use at any one time fluctuates according to stream flows. According to the CCPWA Master Plan, Cherry Creek routinely stops flowing through the Pinery and through Parker. This restricts the time and amount of water that can be delivered to the Pinery and the other three CCPWA members. The variable water flow in Cherry Creek, intermittent water flow interruptions, and emergencies can lead to the occasional need for short term deals involving water trades among CCPWA members. The ability to get along with respective members facilitates the enactment of such deals.

Pinery Water is also a participant in the WISE Authority, an entity that has a water agreement between Denver, Aurora, and nine other area water providers. Each month, meetings to discuss operations and future projects occur, so it is in the best interest of Pinery Water to maintain good relations with WISE parties.

We also must get along with the State of Colorado. Pinery Water is answerable to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Quality Control Commission. We must adhere to the terms of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act. Let us not forget that Pinery Water must also maintain good relations with the federal government. We are required to abide by the terms of the Federal Clean Water Act, as well as other federal laws.

Last, but certainly not least, Pinery Water needs to get along with you, the customer! The staff try to be as responsive as possible to customer water problems and concerns. Phone help lines are listed in the Pinery website for this purpose. As you can see, Pinery Water needs to get along with a lot of folks!



Chuck Hinson,
Director, Pinery Water and Wastewater District

SLOW THE FLOW | SOLVE YOUR SPRINKLERS

Are you struggling to wrap your head around your sprinkler system? Pinery Water and Wastewater District has partnered with Resource Central to offer customers a FREE sprinkler evaluation. 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 evaluation, you'll receive a customized watering schedule designed to reduce water usage and keep your lawn healthy and beautiful all summer long!

Evaluations last about 75 minutes and could help you save thousands of gallons of water each year. It's easy to sign up and get long-lasting results! **Registration starts in May and spots fill quickly.** Call Resource Central at (303) 999-3824 or sign up at ResourceCentral.org/Sprinklers. Be sure to add Water@ResourceCentral.org to your safe senders list so you don't miss your opportunity to schedule an appointment.

SUMMER WATERING

The Watering Schedule for 2025 is shown to the left. The District requests that customers voluntarily adhere to this schedule, which includes never watering on Fridays. Remember to use only what you need and frequently check the District website to view the current drought stage. Per the District's Drought Response Plan, certain drought stages may trigger mandatory watering schedules and/or other restrictions.

2025 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	No WATERING	ODD Numbered Addresses
No Watering between 10am & 6pm Hand Watering Allowed Anytime						
			Customer Service: 303.841.2797			

FREE WATERWISE SEMINARS | LEARN LOW-WATER LANDSCAPING BASICS

Our partner in water conservation, Resource Central, offers free, online Waterwise Yard Seminars taught by local landscape and horticultural professionals. Get your landscaping questions answered and learn how to keep your yard looking great while using less water. For the full list, visit ResourceCentral.org/Seminars.

A MESSAGE FROM PINERY'S PARTNER, SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

Come out and make a splash this summer by attending the first annual South Metro Water Festival! Join South Metro Water Supply Authority and its members to experience fun for the whole family while learning about our most precious resource - water! Be sure to mark your calendars for June 18th to join us for a day of fun in the sun at Philip S. Miller Park Amphitheatre in Castle Rock. We hope to see you there!

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