

# PINERY PIPELINE FEBRUARY 2026

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly Board Meetings typically held at 6:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.



## *From your Board of Directors*

An interesting question was recently brought to the Board's attention. "Since there are no meters on the wastewater service line, the Pinery uses the water average monthly consumption in months November – February to estimate the amount of wastewater. The assumption is that water is only used inside the house during these months. Won't watering my trees in the winter affect my wastewater rate?"

To answer this question, I will use my yard as an example of how much water I need during the winter months. We have three people living at home, and our water usage in November was about 4400 gallons and in December was about 3900 gallons. I suspect January and February will be similar if not less. An average of 0-5000 gallons/month for the November through February usage will keep me in the lowest cost tier for wastewater costs.

So, should I water my trees? Proper winter watering helps trees withstand cold temperatures and environmental stress. Moist soil retains heat better than dry soil, which protects roots from extreme temperature fluctuations and freezing injury. Watering should be done on warmer winter days when the ground is not frozen, focusing on deep, slow soaking around the root zone. The right amount of water in a dry winter depends mainly on the size of the tree, the soil type, and whether the tree is newly planted or established. The goal is to moisten the soil 12–18 inches deep in the root zone without creating runoff or ice.

For **young or newly planted trees (1–3 years old)**, plan on about **5–10 gallons of water per watering session**. These trees have smaller, less-developed root systems and dry out faster, so they benefit from watering every **2–3 weeks** during dry winter periods when the ground is not frozen. So about 20 gallons of water per month per new tree.

For **mature, established trees**, use roughly **10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter**, measured at about chest height. For example, a tree with a 3-inch trunk would need about **30 gallons** per watering. These trees usually only need water **once a month** in a dry winter, as long as there has been little to no natural precipitation.

For my situation, it appears that I can follow these watering guidelines, keep my trees happy, and still stay safely within the first tier of the wastewater costs. Each of you can make similar calculations for your individual situations. Hopefully Mother Nature will soon start to be a lot more generous in providing some moisture for us!



**Rod Bergholm, Director,**

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- **Payment by mail**

Mail to: Pinery Water and Wastewater District, 5242 Old Schoolhouse Rd, Parker, CO 80134

- **Payment by Drop Box or In Person (Cash or Check Only for in-person payments)**

Located at 5242 Old Schoolhouse Rd., Parker, CO 80134

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