

2006 Mandatory Irrigation Schedule

Effective July 6, 2006

Despite experiencing near normal snowfall in the winter of 2005, communities along the front range are experiencing a very hot summer and the driest season since 1951. In order to ensure that all of our customers receive sufficient water for irrigation purposes, the District has instituted the following:

Mandatory Irrigation Schedule

Residential: Single Family and Duplex

Odd	Even
Last 2 digits of house number	Last 2 digits of house number

July 2006						
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 2006						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2006						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2006						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Other Mandatory Water Conservation Measures

- ◆ Discourage irrigation between 10:00am to 6:00pm
- ◆ Discourage irrigation during wind, rain, sleet and other wet weather conditions (*if it rains near your scheduled irrigation day, it's a gift!*)
- ◆ Encourage all new landscape projects to limit turf areas, and to promote the use of drought tolerant and native species plant materials and turf mixes.
- ◆ All new landscapes require a District permit and passing inspection of soil amendment, irrigation system components, and compliance with the Mandatory irrigation schedule.
- ◆ New sod and seed may be irrigated for no more than 14 consecutive days. Starting day 15, the new sod should be irrigated in compliance with the Mandatory irrigation schedule.

Multi-Family Residential, Schools, Parks, Non-Residential, Homeowners Associations (common areas), etc. should utilize a water budget to try to achieve a 30% reduction in normal irrigation usage. Irrigation efficiency can be achieved on a flexible schedule (excluding 10:00am-6:00pm daily).

Important Dates

July 6th – October 13th

The District will continue to conduct landscape inspections and issue landscape permits.

October 15th

Last day to plant sod/seed and live plant materials. (*Requires a District approved landscape permit.*)

November 1st– Spring 2007

No outdoor irrigation

(*except hand watering of trees/shrubs; installation or irrigation of turf areas prohibited*)

The District will continue to train and assign staff in policing, issuing warnings and imposing penalties for water waste and violations of any permits; as well as noncompliance with these measures (adopted in a Special Meeting of the Board on July 5, 2006). **If sufficient reduction in water demand is not noted, additional restrictions, along with increased rates for excessive use, will be implemented.**

District staff will monitor water conditions closely, and will provide updates on the District website at www.sacwsd.org; the Information Line at 720.206.0589, and in free local newspapers and water bills.

Thank you for your cooperation in these important water matters. If we all continue to work together, we will not only survive this critical period, but we will move forward smarter in how we use our precious water resources.

Greg Fabisiak
General Manager



The District's Water Conservation Office has the following conservation tips and general everyday expectations of all District customers. Please do your part to incorporate this information into your Colorado lifestyle:

- ◆ Decline water in a restaurant if you don't plan to drink it

- ◆ There's no need to irrigate if you've received a good rain in the last 2-3 days (wait until the grass and soil dries)

- ◆ Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than letting the sink tap run when you want a cold glass of water



- ◆ Water plants with different water needs separately
- ◆ Don't let water run while brushing teeth, washing your face or shaving

- ◆ Use the trash rather than the toilet to dispose of tissues

- ◆ Run your dishwasher only when it has a full load (run 3 full loads instead of 7 half full loads)

- ◆ Exercise the option to reuse towels and sheets if staying more than one night in a hotel

- ◆ Treat brown spots in the lawn with the hose or a bucket of water instead of running the entire sprinkler system

- ◆ Install aerators or spray taps on all water taps to reduce flow and splashing

- ◆ Select appropriate water level for laundry loads and wash full loads whenever possible

- ◆ Check for signs that your grass needs to be watered before turning on your sprinklers --- if your footprints last for 30 minutes, it's time to water



- ◆ Stopper the sink when rinsing and peeling vegetables and fruits

- ◆ Stopper the sink when washing dishes by hand, then turn on the disposal when you pull the plug

- ◆ Install low-flow toilets and shower-heads

- ◆ Water gardens and lawns in early morning or evening (it's the rule!)

- ◆ Position water sprinklers carefully so they're not spraying the house, driveway or sidewalk rather than the lawn, and don't water when it's windy

- ◆ Plant drought-tolerant ground cover, trees, shrubs and plants



- ◆ Mulch around planting areas to hold in moisture

- ◆ Consider using drip irrigation for trees, bushes and garden areas

- ◆ Fix leaky toilets, faucets and fixtures as soon as they are detected

- ◆ Take quick showers rather than full-tub baths



- ◆ When washing cars, use a trigger nozzle that automatically turns off --- try washing your car once a month instead of once a week

- ◆ Water runoff means you're watering too much, too fast for your soil conditions

- ◆ Sweep, rather than hose, sidewalks, patios, decks and driveways --- water on impervious surfaces is wasteful

- ◆ Know where your master water shut-off valve is located and show everyone in the household

- ◆ Cover swimming pools when not in use--an average-size pool can lose approximately 1,000 gallons of water per month when left uncovered

- ◆ When cleaning fish tanks, use the dirty water to water your houseplants--it's rich in nitrogen and phosphorous



The District's Water Conservation Office distributes numerous (free) indoor and outdoor water conservation tools, educational materials, ideas and information at the summer neighborhood events sponsored by the City of Commerce City. Don't miss out!

Visit the District's website at www.sacwsd.org to check on current offers, water conditions, and important irrigation schedules, landscape permits, and updates.