



Security Water District

Customer Update May 2018

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Dear Security Water and Sanitation District Customer:

Security Water is Safe

Security Water District’s current water supply is 100 percent surface water – from the Pueblo Reservoir through the Southern Delivery and Fountain Valley pipelines as well as surface water from Colorado Springs Utilities’ surface sources delivered through a new pipeline constructed in 2017. Security’s supply has been 100 percent free of perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) since September 2016, when all our wells were shut down until an effective treatment system can be implemented. The water is safe for all uses and meets all federal and state regulatory requirements.

Update on the Talks with the Air Force

The District has been working with the United States Air Force (USAF) for nearly two years to mitigate the impacts of PFCs in the District’s source water aquifers that appears to have originated from the historic use of firefighting foam at Peterson Air Force Base. We are currently working with the Air Force on several agreements that help us procure other water supplies and for the Air Force to pay for the additional costs incurred from purchasing more water through the Southern Delivery System (SDS). Security has increased water rates in 2018 due to the fact that the surface water we purchase is much more expensive than well water we relied on before the PFCs issue emerged.

We also are asking the Air Force to pay for treatment of our groundwater impacted by PFC. With a system of 24 wells that need to be treated, the treatment plan will be complex and expensive. Security is working with the Air Force to develop a path forward whereby the Air Force will offset costs incurred by Security for additional purchased water and future treatment. This process is slow and laden with red tape. In the meantime, we continue to work hard to provide our customers with a sufficient supply of safe water at a very competitive cost.

Voluntary Water Restrictions Began April 1

The District encourages customers to use water wisely and observe the voluntary outdoor watering restrictions, which became effective on April 1st (please see the schedule). Conserving water helps us ensure we will have enough water in the summer months due to increased usage from outdoor irrigation. We appreciate our customer’s cooperation and encourage you to visit www.securitywsd.com for tips on how to save water inside and outside your home.

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SECURITY WATER VOLUNTARY OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

- Starting April 1 and extending to October 1, 2018, we are enacting voluntary outdoor watering restrictions. We are asking customers to limit outdoor watering to three times per week or less.
- Water during the cooler times of the day – do not water your lawn between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Avoid overwatering.
- Homes/businesses with addresses ending in even numbers may water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays.
- Homes/businesses with addresses ending in odd numbers may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
- All customers should avoid watering on Fridays.

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	NO WATERING	EVEN	ODD

See reverse side for tips on saving water outdoors.

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TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER OUTDOORS

Our love of the outdoor lifestyle in Colorado makes our yards, parks and open spaces of primo importance. Using water wisely outdoors is one of the best ways to save.



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COLORADO WATER LIVE LIKE YOU LOVE IT



1 DON'T RUN OFF

Only apply as much water as the soil can absorb. Use the Cycle and Soak method—break watering times into 3 short cycles, allowing an hour of soak time in between.



2 PROGRAM YOUR SPRINKLER

By programming your automatic sprinkler system to fit the weather conditions, you water when the plants need it, not by the clock.



3 RIGHT TIME YOU'RE WATERING

Water during the cooler hours and avoid sprinkling on windy days.



4 BE WEATHER SMART

If it has rained in the past few days, or will rain soon, don't water.



5 PLANT THE RIGHT PLANTS

Choose Plant Select® and X-rated plants that thrive in Rocky Mountain gardens.



6 DON'T WATER THE SIDEWALK

Don't water the sidewalk, rocks or road. They won't grow.



7 AERATE

Aerate in the spring or fall to open up soil to absorb more moisture.



8 SWEEP

Don't waste water by spraying off a driveway or sidewalk, use a broom instead.



9 INSTALL SMART SPRINKLERS

Use efficient technology like drip irrigation, rotary spray nozzles, and smart irrigation controllers.



10 CHECK FOR LEAKS

Check sprinkler systems and timing devices to be sure they are operating properly.



11 RAISE YOUR BLADE

Cut grass at least three inches in height to encourage deeper roots and better moisture retention. Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade.



12 AVOID OVER-FERTILIZING

The application of fertilizers increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.



13 MULCH

Mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps to control weeds that compete with plants for water.



14 XERISCAPE

Xeriscape is based on a combination of seven common sense principles to save water while creating lush, beautiful landscapes.



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