

SPRING INTO WATER CONSERVATION

Despite the recent snowfall, our region is still in a state of moderate drought. While Colorado weather is unpredictable and the drought designation could change, water conservation is always a smart bet. Please review the Highlands Ranch water conservation program guidelines summarized below.

WATER BUDGET

Your water budget is a specific amount of water for your property and is shown on each bimonthly bill. The water budget provides ample water to keep your landscape healthy during the spring and summer months. Your water budget will be adjusted incrementally beginning April 15 for outdoor irrigation throughout the season.

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

- No outdoor irrigation is allowed from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. from April 15 until October 15. Requirements for temporary daytime watering permits are available at www.highlandsranch.org.
- Hand watering trees and shrubs is allowed anytime if a hose is held or a watering can is used. Irrigation with a water conserving method such as drip, micro spray or deep root watering device, is also allowed.
- Washing cars is allowed any time. However, a hose end shut off device must be used.
- Wasteful water practices are prohibited. This includes allowing excess water to flow into gutters or neglecting to repair leaks.



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SLOW THE FLOW - FREE IRRIGATION INSPECTIONS

Beginning in June, a limited number of free irrigation inspections will be available, on a first-come first-served basis, to residential customers. The Slow the Flow pilot program is brought to you by Centennial Water & Sanitation District and the Center for ReSource Conservation. The inspection will reveal the efficiency of your irrigation system and how you can improve it. Call the Center for ReSource Conservation today at 303-999-3820, ext. 217, or visit www.ConservationCenter.org to schedule an appointment.

LUNCH & LEARN WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOPS - NOT JUST FOR LUNCH ANYMORE!

Centennial Water & Sanitation District is expanding our free Lunch & Learn workshops to include weeknight classes as well. The first Thursday of each month, all classes will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Highlands Ranch Library (HRL), 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, Shea Room A. (Be sure to bring a brown bag lunch.) Classes on the second Thursday of the month will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Water and Metro District office building (DOB), 62 W. Plaza Drive (corner of Broadway and Plaza). For more information, please contact Jon Klassen at 720-240-4917, or at jklassen@highlandsranch.org.

Thursday, May 7 (HRL) & 14 (DOB)

Thursday, June 4 (HRL) & 11 (DOB)

Thursday, July 2 (HRL) & 9 (DOB)

Thursday, August 6 (HRL) & 13 (DOB)

Thursday, September 3 (HRL) & 10 (DOB)

Principles of Xeriscape

Controller Basics and Irrigation System Management

Staying Within Your Water Budget

Home Water Management

Winterize Your Landscape and Irrigation System

OPTIMIZE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM'S PERFORMANCE

A landscape irrigation best management practice (BMP) is a voluntary irrigation practice designed to reduce water use and protect water quality. It is economical, practical, sustainable, and maintains a healthy, functional landscape without exceeding the landscape water requirements.

BMP 1: Assure Overall Quality of the Irrigation System

BMP 2: Design the Irrigation System for the Efficient and Uniform Distribution of Water

BMP 3: Install the Irrigation System to Meet the Design Criteria

BMP 4: Maintain the Irrigation System for Optimum Performance

BMP 5: Manage the Irrigation System to Respond to the Changing Requirement for Water

For more detailed information about implementing BMPs, please visit www.highlandsranch.org and click on Water and Sanitation.



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Thank you for your continued water conservation efforts!

Last year, water budgets proved to be an effective water conservation tool. If you are interested in reducing your water consumption, please contact Water Conservation Coordinator Jon Klassen at 720-240-4917.

Check the flyer in your water bill, or visit www.highlandsranch.org for additional information about water conservation.

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