



2026 Water Conservation Best Practices

Garden-in-a-Box Returns in 2026!

Create a beautiful, water-wise landscape with Resource Central's Garden-in-a-Box kits, complete with drought-tolerant plants, professional designs, and easy care instructions that support local pollinators. Please Don't wait as these kits sell out fast! Join the interest list using the website or QR code below to be notified when sales begin.

CWSD customers may receive a \$75 rebate per kit, with a limit of two rebates per household, while program funds last (total rebate funding capped at \$5,000). Learn more at www.resourcecentral.org/gardens/#interestlist or take a picture of the QR code to join the list!



Used too Much Irrigation Water Last Year?

The District partnered again with Resource Central's SLOW THE FLOW Program to provide a FREE SPRINKLER EVALUATION, free of charge for the first 35 District's residential customers to register. Please call 303-999-3824 or scan the QR to sign up!



Cottonwood Community Garden – Now Entering Its Fourth Season!

Join your neighbors for a season of planting, learning, and community connection. Expansion plans are underway, with additional garden plots expected to be available by April.

Plots are available for **\$35 for the summer** and include both raised and in-ground bed options — perfect for gardeners of all experience levels.

The garden is located at 8334 Sandreed Circle, next to the Meeting House. To reserve a plot or learn more, visit cottonwoodwater.org/community-garden or call the District office.

Next Meeting of the Board

Thursday, February 19, 2026. 8334 Sandreed Cir. Parker.CO. The Public is Invited to Attend!

District General Information

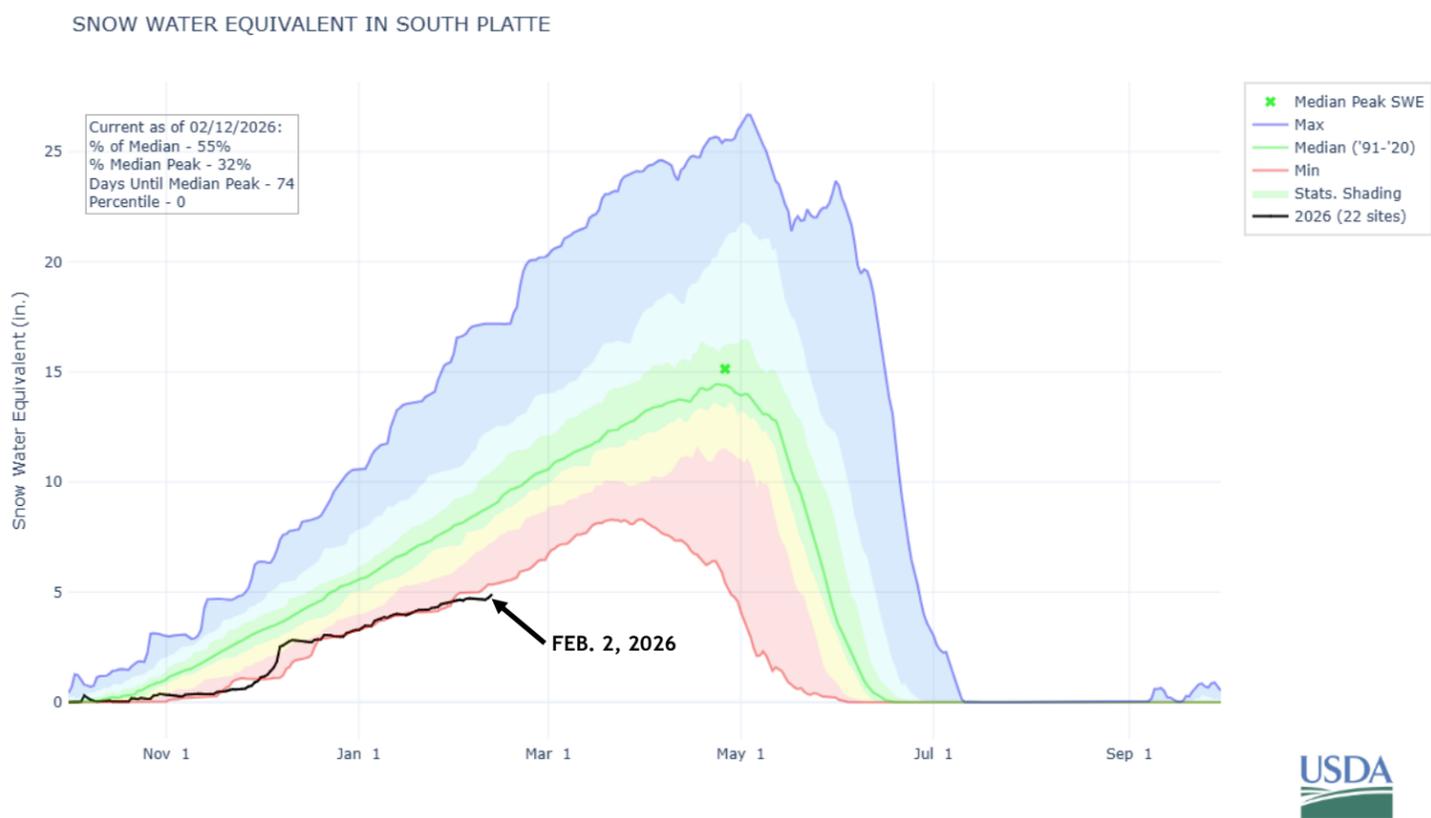
58 Inverness Drive East #100. Englewood, CO 80112. Open 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. During normal business hours call: 303-792-9509.

After-Hours Water Emergencies: 303-426-3167. Visit Our Website: www.cottonwoodwater.org

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Cottonwood Water & Sanitation District renewable water supplies depend on the Cherry Creek Basin's, a sub-basin within the South Platte Basin, rain and snow precipitation which has allowed us to meet over 80% of water needs over the last five years.

As you have experienced this winter so far, snowpack is near record lows Statewide. To that end, the South Platte River Basin within the District's water source collection area is at approximately 55% of normal. Historical data suggest that the Colorado River snowpack ranked among the worst, with the South Platte River Basin's snowpack ranked the worst.



Since 2002, the District's response to dry conditions included a recommendation for voluntary outdoor watering restrictions. In 2021, the District's adopted a resolution that amended its Rules and Regulations to include Water Conservation Orders to allow for temporary policies for best practices to avoid water waste during moderate to extreme dry conditions.

Whether a wet, average or a dry weather conditions, the District's annual summer watering rules, Stage 1 outdoor water use, have been in place since 2021 and its success has been only possible for your continued support and efforts toward water conservation!

The District's annual summer watering rules, listed below, will always be in place during the irrigation season and given the current conditions within the Cherry Creek Basin, it is possible that we will need to implement additional drought response measures later this year. The District's response to drought conditions uses a tiered approach, including the potential for additional watering restrictions in order to preserve water supplies. The District's staff will move closer to developing recommendations for the Board of Directors on a potential drought response over the next couple of months.

- Lawn irrigation is allowed only between May 1 and October 31.
- Lawns shall be watered no more than three days per week.
- Lawn irrigation shall occur between 6:00 pm and 9:00 am.
- Watering of trees may occur during the daytime, if possible.
- Planter beds may be hand watered outside of the hours noted above to avoid damaging perennial landscaping.
- Do not waste water by allowing it to pool in gutters and streets.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray 3 feet beyond the designated irrigated area.
- Leaking sprinkler systems shall be repaired within 10 days (an irrigation system may be operated outside the watering schedule for installation, repair or reasonable maintenance, so long as the system is attended throughout the period of operation and water waste is minimized during the maintenance work).
- Do not water while it is raining or during high winds.
- New turf planted between May 1 and October 15 may be allowed additional watering through a New Turf Variance ("NTV") issued by the District for a period of not-to-exceed 30 days from District's NTV approval.