



Tracking Your Water, Made Simple

Winter Average Calculations Begin in December!

Have you ever wondered how your monthly usage allocation is determined? Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District uses a number called a **Winter Average** to determine your allocation.

This average is calculated using your water consumption from **December through March** and helps determine your **indoor water use average** (this number can be found on your bill after "SU AVG SU"). Because outdoor watering is typically minimal during these months, this period provides the most accurate reflection of indoor use. Then, in the summer months, your allocation is increased to allow for outdoor watering.

Your winter average plays an important role in how much your monthly sewer usage fee is—so conserving water during these months can help lower overall water costs for the year.

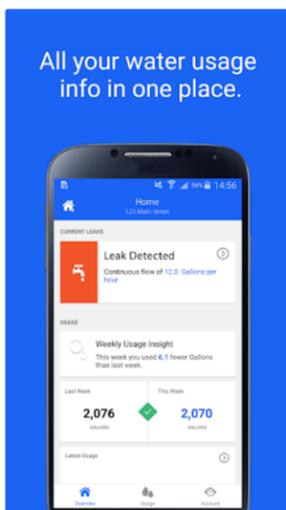
To help you keep a closer eye on your water use, Cottonwood Water customers can use **EyeOnWater**, a **FREE** tool that lets you:

- View your daily water usage
- Detect leaks early and set up alerts to be notified of a leak
- Track trends over time

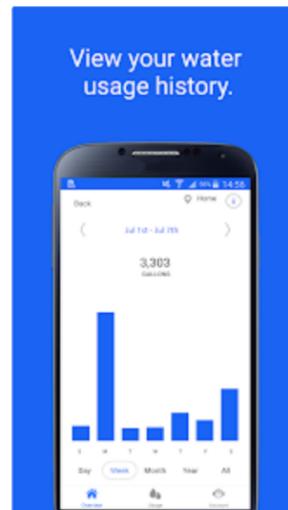
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Winter Watering: What To Know

Colorado winters can be very challenging for plants, as the weather can vary and precipitation can be difficult to predict. On the front range, drought conditions are very common during the winter months. Many plants still need watering over the winter, especially newly planted shrubs and trees.

Here are some tips to help you keep your plants healthy while they are dormant in the winter months while remaining in your winter conservation allocation:

- Only water on warm days when temperatures are above 40°F and the soil is thawed with no snow cover
- Monitor the weather and water during extended dry periods without snow cover one to two times per month
- Use a hose and watering wand or attachable sprinkler; do not fill your sprinkler system in the winter
 - Disconnect your hose when finished and drain any necessary attachments to avoid freeze damage
- Water during the middle of the day to allow water enough time to infiltrate the soil before possible freezing at night
 - A solid layer of ice on lawns that persists for a month or more can kill the grass
- Water 1/2" to 1"
 - Use a cup in your garden to monitor your water usage
- Utilize mulch to conserve soil moisture and protect roots from winter freezing and thawing

What types of plants need water during the winter?

- Deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and perennial flowering plants
- Newly planted trees and shrubs are most crucial to help them establish a root system and reach their maximum potential growth
- Evergreens are prone to desiccation, a process where more water is lost through the foliage than is absorbed through the roots of the plant
- Plants receiving reflected heat from buildings, walls, and fences (most likely on south or west exposures)
- It is not necessary to water xeric plants such as cacti, succulents, and most native plants, as these plants are drought-tolerant and well suited for Colorado winters.

Sources:

<https://www.botanicgardens.org/blog/winter-watering-colorado>

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/fall-and-winter-watering-7-211/>

Save the Date

Budget and rates for 2026 will be discussed at the regular meeting occurring on November 20, 2025. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Cottonwood

Water & Sanitation District

Next Meeting of the Board:
Thursday, November 20, 2025
8051 S Jordan Rd Englewood CO
Starting at 6:30 PM
The Public is Invited to Attend

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
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PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

**Parker Road Sidewalks
Cottonwood Drive to
Valley Hi Drive**

Join Town of Parker Engineering and Public Works staff for an information session to review plans for a sidewalk improvement project on the west side of Parker Road.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District building
8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO 80134**

More information:
[ParkerCO.gov/
ParkerRoadSidewalkGaps](http://ParkerCO.gov/ParkerRoadSidewalkGaps)