



Your Water News Resource



Smart Water Use Starts Now

As we move closer to spring, the District encourages residents to begin planning for the upcoming irrigation season while continuing to practice efficient water use indoors. Taking a few simple steps now can always help reduce water use and avoid higher water bills year-round. Outdoor irrigation is typically the largest source of residential water use, often accounting for more than half of a household water consumption during the summer. Efficient watering practices can significantly reduce unnecessary water use, help us utilize and prioritize our water supplies where they are needed the most, while maintaining healthy landscapes.

The District's water supplies depend heavily on snowpack and runoff within the Cherry Creek Basin, and in a year like this when snowfall is on track to become the worst in recent history, we are counting on you to help us stretch our limited water resources through conservation. Conserving water helps ensure reliable supplies for our community while reducing stress on our water systems during peak demand periods.

March Water Conservation Tips

Reduce Indoor Water Use, and Save Money, by:

- Repairing leaking faucets or running toilets
- Running dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads
- Replacing/Installing water-efficient fixtures when possible... and please do not forget to claim your products rebate whenever you replace toilets, washers and showerheads with WaterSmart certified units.

Landscape Planning

Early spring is a great time to improve landscape efficiency:

- Add mulch around plants to reduce evaporation
- Consider drought-tolerant or native plants - Please visit our Demonstration Garden at 8334 Sandreed Circle or visit ResourceCentral.org for plant ideas that are naturally fit for our region
- Group plants with similar watering needs
- Planning to purchase a Garden-in-a-Box this Spring? Please don't forget to claim a \$75 rebate per kit, with a limit of two rebates per household, while program funds last (total rebate funding capped at \$5,000).
- Join Resource Central's Slow the Flow Program for a sprinkler evaluation. This service is FREE for the first 35 District residential customers who register. See the QR code on the back for more information.

Speaking of Demonstration Garden... How about the Latest News on the Community Garden!

This year, we are excited to announce that the District will be expanding and building a new enclosure next to the current one and we are excited to be able to welcome new faces to our small but mighty neighborhood farming community! Last year's harvest was our best yet! The season runs from May 1st until October 31st. Each plot is \$35. If you're a customer of the water district we'll add the cost to your water bill. Please call our customer service line to secure a spot before they run out!

Next Meeting of the Board

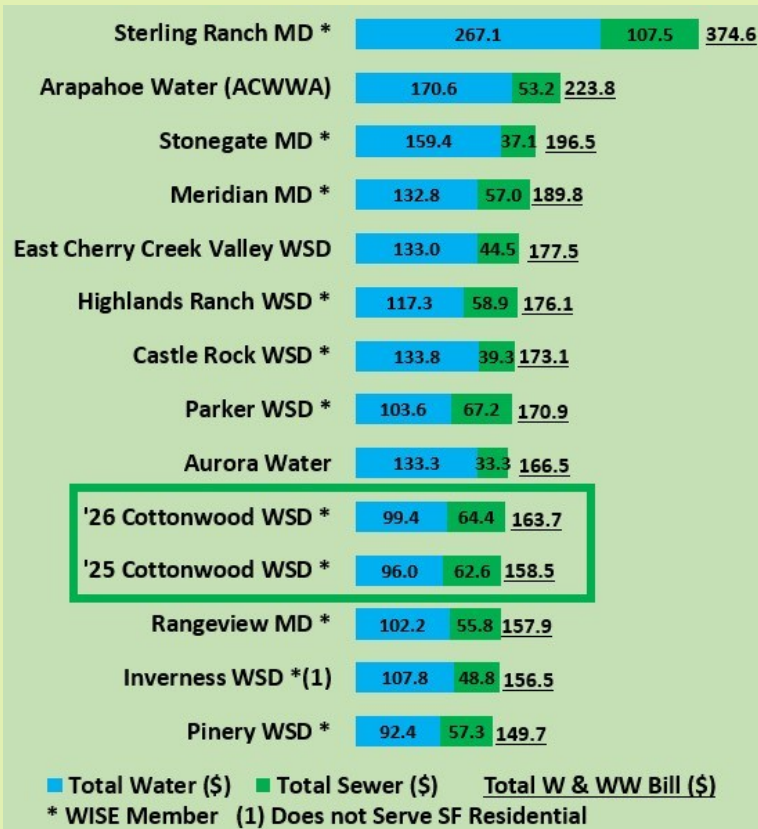
Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:30 pm at 8051 S. Jordan Rd. Englewood, CO. 80112

A Message From 2025

As we look ahead, the District's Board of Directors remains committed to providing **sustainable, reliable, and safe drinking water**. Each year, the District invests in projects, infrastructure improvements, and partnerships to maintain and strengthen our water system. These elements include: **1) the cost of providing water service, (2) the sources of the water delivered to our community, and (3) the quality of our water**. More details will be included in the District's **2025 Consumer Confidence Report**, coming soon.

1. Cost of Service

Cottonwood Water is one of the smaller water providers in the south Denver metro area, yet the District carries the same responsibilities as larger utilities. This means we must operate and maintain critical infrastructure while managing costs with fewer economies of scale. Despite these challenges, Cottonwood's water rates remain competitive. Comparing 13 water districts bills, a typical summer water bill using 15,000 gallons of water and 5,000 gallons of wastewater. Cottonwood ranks fourth. See chart below.



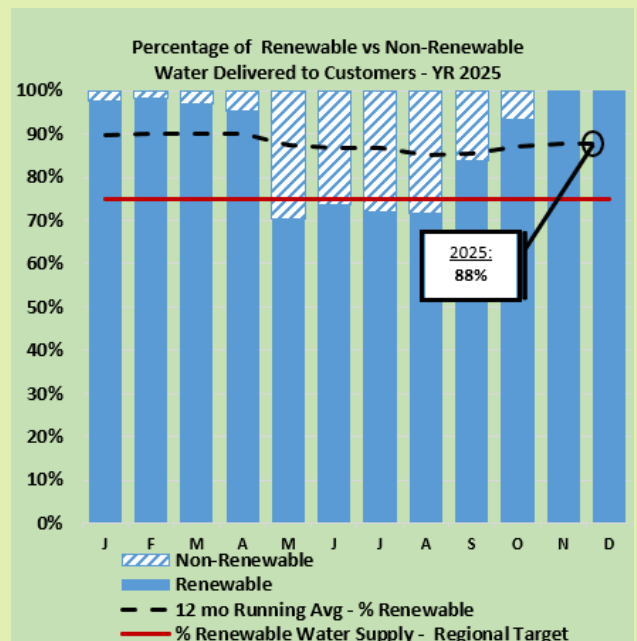
2. Renewable Water Supplies

Last year, the District exceeded the regional consumptive use target of 75% by 13%. In other words, 88% of the water used to meet your water needs in 2025 came from renewable sources, while 12% came from non-renewable supplies. The District continues to prioritize the use of renewable water supplies while maintaining non-renewable sources in reserve to:

A) **Preserve** these water rights for use during dry conditions,

B) Help us **augment** our renewable supplies during peak demands, and

C) Support the **long-term sustainability** of our community.



Helpful QR Codes

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EyeOn Water



Garden-in-a-Box



Free Sprinkler Eval



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