COTTONWOOD WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

April 2024 Newsletter



Next Meeting of the Board

Thursday, Apr. 18, 2024 @ 6:30pm at the Cottonwood Meeting House 8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO 80134

The Public is Invited to Attend

Wash Your Car Commercially

Commercial car washes use less water than washing your car at home. They are designed to be water efficient with the use of filters and water recycling systems. Studies have estimated that an average commercial car wash uses **18 gallons** per car compared to an individual using **as much as 100 gallons** for a home car wash.

Perhaps more important is the fact that commercial car washes send dirty water, soaps, and road contaminants to a wastewater treatment plant. Home car wash residuals typically flow into streets and storm drains, which lead directly to local streams and reservoirs like Cherry Creek, resulting in severe harm to our local





Find us on Facebook for water news, conservation tips, and project updates.

2024 Irrigation Season

Irrigation season is near! Your water allowance will be increased from May 1-October 31.

Right now, we are on Stage 1 Conservation. Stay tuned for updates to this stage based on weather and drought conditions. Please follow the guidelines below to conserve outdoor water use and save yourself money:

- Irrigate between May 1 and October 31
- Water lawns no more than three days per week
- Lawn irrigation shall occur between 6:00 pm and 9:00 am, instead of during the hotter times of the day
- Water planter beds outside of the hours noted above to avoid damaging perennial landscaping
- Water trees during the daytime when necessary
- Plant new turf or seed between May 1 and October 15 and obtain a New Turf Variance permit issued by the District for a period of 30-days
- 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.
- Do not water while it is raining or during high winds.
- Repair a leaky sprinkler system within 10 days.

Keep an eye on your water usage by downloading the **FREE Eye On Water** app. This app helps you understand your water consumption data, detect leaks, and

follow your watering trends. This app can save you hundreds of dollars by helping you address leaks in a timely manner. Use the QR code and click Sign Up to get started.



Cottonwood Community Garden

Calling all gardeners! We are excited to announce the second season of the **Cottonwood Community Garden**. We currently have several plots available for the 2024 growing season and are looking for interested neighbors to join us.

What we offer:

- A great outdoor space for gardening
- Opportunities to meet new neighbors and connect with fellow gardeners
- Workshops and educational events (more info to come)

The rent for a garden plot for the summer is \$35. We are also looking for volunteers to help maintain the garden area. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just dipping your toes into the world of green thumbs, our garden is a welcoming space for all.

We are located at 8334 Sandreed Circle next to the meeting house. Check our website for more information at <u>cottonwoodwater.org/community-garden</u>.



Optimize Your Sprinklers With An Evaluation From Resource Central

Irrigation season is creeping up on us. Do you know how to use your sprinkler system efficiently? Resource Central offers on-site sprinkler audit that help Colorado residents use their water wisely. You will learn about your sprinkler system, get a customized watering schedule, and learn ways to improve efficiency and reduce water waste. Register now: appointments are offered on a first-come, first served basis during the irrigation season. There is a one-time fee of \$148 for the audit. The fees for the first 45 Cottonwood Water customers to schedule an appointment with Resource Central will be on us! Find out more by going to <u>www.resourcecentral.org/sprinklers/residential</u> or by scanning the QR code below.





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