

December 2022

YOUR WATER NEWS RESOURCE



The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20, 2022 beginning at 6:00pm at 8334 Sandreed Circle in Parker. The public is welcome.

2023 Budget and Rates Approved

The Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors and the management review the District’s financial position each month. The annual 2023 budget was prepared and a public hearing was held during the November 22, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. Following the public hearing, the Board voted to approve the 2023 Budget.

The District Board seeks to keep rates as low as practical while covering operating costs, ensuring high quality and reliable water delivery and efficient collection and treatment of wastewater. At the November 22, 2022 Board meeting, a public hearing was held to review and consider the 2023 rates for water and wastewater services. Following the public hearing, the Board approved an increase in water service and usage and wastewater usage fees of 2.5% and 3.5% respectively. Below is the rate schedule per 1,000 gallons of use, effective January 1, 2023.

- Conserving Rate per thousand gallons \$ 4.60
- Abusive Rate per thousand gallons \$ 9.20
- Excessive Rate per thousand gallons \$ 13.81
- Wastewater Rate per thousand gallons \$ 8.84

Town of Parker & Stormwater Fees

Cottonwood Water collects a stormwater fee on behalf of the Town of Parker, which maintains Cottonwood community’s stormwater drainage system under the Federal Clean Water Act. Since the Town doesn’t send out bills to our community, we collect the fee for them. The monthly rate went up \$0.62 for a single-family residence to become \$8.70 monthly on January 1st, 2023.

Basically, stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that “runs off” across the land instead of seeping into the ground. This runoff usually flows into the nearest stream, creek, river, or lake. That’s why it is so important to never wash your car in the driveway or allow anything (dirt, fertilizers, objects, landscape materials, anything else) to flow into gutters, down the driveway, or into the storm drain. For more information visit CottonwoodWater.org and ParkerOnline.org.

Governed by a board of five elected property owners of the Cottonwood community, the District was established to provide the residents of the community with water and wastewater services. The District is a quasi-governmental, non-profit, entity that collects property taxes and fees for water and wastewater services to ensure that quality water is delivered to homes and businesses and that wastewater is removed, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of every year from the community.



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After Hours Water Emergencies call:
303-426-3167

Visit our website to stay informed:
CottonwoodWater.org

Happy Holidays!



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Winter is Upon Us.

Now that the weather has turned cold – Please make sure your outdoor system has been winterized. Please remember to disconnect hoses from the bib and drain them before you store them. Wrap any exposed pipes with insulation and seal any opening that allows cold air to get into your home. Taking these steps will ensure a safe transition into the colder temperatures.



Winter Watering

Even in years when drought is not a concern – winter watering of trees is important, especially with evergreen trees. That's because tree roots, unlike dormant grasses, will continue to grow throughout the winter. Thus, they need moisture to survive. According to experts in the State of Colorado, you should water trees 1 to 2 times per month during the winter, giving your trees around 10 gallons of water for each inch of tree trunk diameter. Shrubs need between 5 and 18 gallons per month. You should choose a warm winter day when air temperature is above 40° F and only when the soil is not frozen. It's best to water during the day so the water can soak in before it freezes at night.

Eye on Water

Thanks to you, we were able to upgrade your old water meter with a new one full of features and tools to help you manage your water use! The District highly recommends that you download the app, [EyeOnWater](#) to access all of the information your new meter has to offer. This is an application through Badger Meter at no additional cost to you. This application is accessible from your personal computer or smart phone. Instructions can be found online at www.cottonwoodwater.org



District Open House

The District will not be hosting an Open House for December due to the holiday.

