

*Your Water News Resource*



**Cottonwood**  
Water & Sanitation District

### Next Meeting of the Board

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 @ 6:30pm  
at the Cottonwood Meeting House  
8334 Sandreed Circle, Parker, CO 80134

**The Public is Invited to Attend**

### It's Fall!

As the summer heat dies down, so does irrigation season. Please reduce your outdoor watering with the cooler weather.

**Starting November 1st, your water allocation budget is set to indoor-only allocations.**

Do you want to know your allocation? Go to [www.cottonwoodwater.org](http://www.cottonwoodwater.org) to check out our single family residential allocation calculator. You will need the winter average from your water bill

### Save the Date Public Hearing on 2024 Budget and Rates

Budget and rates for 2024 will be discussed at the regular meeting occurring on November 16, 2023. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Online Payments and Paperless Billing with **xpress** BILL PAY

Cottonwood Water offers a one-stop convenient online bill payments through Xpress Bill Pay. To pay online, create an account with Xpress Bill Pay using your six-digit Cottonwood Water account number. Save a preferred payment method for easy monthly bill payments at no additional cost you! And, please don't miss out on opting out of paper bills... yes, this can be done through Xpress Bill Pay too! Please sign up using the QR code below or by using the link on our website at [www.cottonwoodwater.org](http://www.cottonwoodwater.org).



**Do you have a fall Project planned? Call 811 before you dig!**

To avoid accidentally damaging a buried utility line, call 811 a few days before you plan to break ground. A utility operator in your area will come out to mark any buried utility lines on your property with paint or flags.

# First Freeze: What to Know and How to Get Ready

October in Colorado is a beautiful time full of color, with weather that can be difficult to predict. The first freeze can happen anytime between September and early December, but often occurs in October in the Denver Metro area. Outdoor plumbing is at risk of freezing when the temperature dips, especially when homeowners are unprepared.

Here are some tips from to help you get ready before the first freeze and avoid costly damage from burst pipes:

- **Know the location of your water shut-off valve and test it regularly.**
  - This will help you shut off the water if a pipe breaks.
  - In most single-family homes in the District, this is in the basement or crawl space.
- **Keep your meter and main valve accessible.**
  - If you can't turn off the water in the house, you may need your plumber or Cottonwood Water to do so outside.
- **Turn off and drain automatic and manual sprinkler systems before first freeze.**
  - Freezing and thawing over the winter can create cracks and weak spots, leading to leaks.
- **Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them.**
  - Fully drain outdoor faucets and the outdoor portion of pipes.
  - Disconnect and drain the hose to avoid damage from freezing water.
- **Winterize unheated or vacant buildings.**
  - Burst pipes can cause significant damage if left undiscovered in a vacant building. Please contact us if you would like us to turn off the water to the house (at no charge to you!) while you home is vacant for an extended period of time.
- **Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before.**
  - Pipes close to exterior walls, near windows, or in unheated basements can be wrapped with pieces of insulation to prevent freezing.



**Imagine a Day  
Without Water**  
October 19, 2023

For many Americans, living a day without water is an unfortunate reality—not something to be imagined. Part of the solution is sustainable, robust investment in the infrastructure and people needed to deliver water services equitably across the country.

Imagine a Day Without Water serves as a National Day of Action to unite communities and policymakers to advance greater and more equitable investment in water systems. This year, the Cottonwood Metropolitan District challenges you to learn more about where your water comes from and the processes it goes through before becoming useable water in your home. Go to [cottonwoodwater.org](http://cottonwoodwater.org) for more information on Imagine a Day Without Water, and to learn about your water district. You can also get more involved by joining us at any of our public meetings.



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[CottonwoodWater.org](http://CottonwoodWater.org)



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