

Your Water News Resource

OUTDOOR WATERING NOTICE

The Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District has always advocated for water conservation measures for both residential and commercial properties. During the drought of 2002-2004, the District initiated a water conservation plan that established a water allocation for each property, with increasing tiered rates as usage exceeds that allocation. This approach has been effective in reducing demand to levels reasonably required for outdoor use by encouraging customers to use water wisely.

This year, the urgency of that message is greater than ever. As of late March 2026, approximately 89% of Colorado is under severe drought conditions. The District's primary source of renewable supply comes from Cherry Creek, and the Cherry Creek Basin is no exception to the current statewide drought. Since 2021, the District's outdoor conservation Stage 1 has allowed outdoor irrigation up to three days per week, with a volumetric limit based on 30 inches of water distributed over the irrigation season as follows:

May	June	July	August	September	October
12.0%	19.0%	22.0%	22.0%	16.0%	9.0%

Given current local and statewide drought conditions and their direct influence on our water supply availability, **the District will consider action to escalate outdoor conservation from Stage 1 to Stage 2 at its regular Board Meeting on April 16, 2026.** Under Stage 2, outdoor watering will be reduced to a mandatory maximum of two days per week. The table below outlines the District's outdoor conservation stages.

Conservation Measure	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
Outdoor monthly allocation reduction (%)	0.0%	0.0%	Up to 25%	26% - 100%
Lawn irrigation is allowed only between	May 1 - Oct. 31	May 1 - Oct. 31	May 1 - Oct. 31	TBD by BoDD
Lawns shall be watered no more than	3 x Week	2 x Week	TBD by BoDD	TBD by BoDD
Lawn irrigation shall occur between 6:00 pm and 9:00 am	6:00 PM - 9:00 AM	7:00 PM - 7:00 AM	9:00 PM - 6:00 AM	TBD By BoDD
Watering of trees may occur during the daytime	✓	✓	✓	✓
Planter beds may be hand watered outside of the hours noted above to avoid damaging perennial landscaping.	✓	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leaking sprinkler systems shall be repaired	Within 10 Days	Within 7 Days	Within 4 Days	TBD By BoDD
Do not water while it is raining or during high winds	✓	✓	✓	✓
New turf installation may be allowed additional watering through a new turf variance ("NTV") issued by the district	May 1 - Oct. 31	May 1 - Oct. 31	TBD By BoDD	TBD By BoDD

Please note that mandatory water restrictions are implemented by the District solely as planning and operational measures to ensure that our limited resources are prioritized for what matters most... you and the environment! We will keep you posted if the conditions improve, including any further modifications to the conservation schedule above.

Water Savers = Money Saver\$

Cash Rebates

There's still time and funds available for **Cash REBATES**. Yes, you can receive

- ✓ \$100 when you purchase an ultra-low volume toilet,
- ✓ \$125 for a front loading washer, and
- ✓ \$20 for a low flow shower head.

Visit CottonwoodWater.org to learn more about how to receive a cash rebate or to get a Rebate Form. The Residential Rebate Program provides rebates on a first come, first serve basis—while funds last!

Irrigation System Audits

Did your irrigation usage exceed your allocation last year, even with a properly functioning irrigation system... and you still aren't sure why? If so, the District may have the answer. The District is continuing its **Sprinkler System Evaluation** program, offered free of charge to the first 35 residential customers who register. Evaluations are conducted by qualified irrigation technicians through Resource Central's **Slow the Flow** program. Please call our customer service line at 303-999-3824 or scan the QR code below to sign up — Hurry, a few spots still remain!



Garden-in-a-Box

Did you purchase a Garden-in-a-Box this year? If so, and you are a CWSD customer, you may be eligible for a **\$75 rebate per kit**, with a limit of two rebates per household, while program funds last. To claim your rebate, please contact us by phone at **303-999-3824** or by email at

CottonwoodWater@mulhernmre.com.



Kits are still available for purchase at ResourceCentral.org/gardens.

Cottonwood Water Trash Collection Program

The District is pleased to offer an optional community trash and recycling program ("Program") aimed at lowering costs, simplifying service, and reducing trash collection truck traffic throughout our community to just one day per week. Following a public bidding process, Waste Management ("WM") was selected for meeting our service standards and at a great price!

For approximately \$16.13/month, participants receive:

- ♦ Weekly trash and biweekly recycling collection every Thursday (holiday delays apply)
- ♦ Two 96-gallon totes (one trash and one recycling)
- ♦ One combined monthly bill from the District
- ♦ Safer, quieter streets with fewer trucks and less roadside clutter **and much more!**

This Program is available to residential properties **not already served** by an HOA or Metropolitan District. Watch for your invitation to join from the District — if you've already received it and have questions, please call the District's Customer Service line at [303-792-9509](tel:303-792-9509) or send us an email to CottonwoodWater@mulhernmre.com.

Cottonwood Community Garden

The Cottonwood Community Garden still has plots available at 8334 Sandreed Circle. 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 one time cost to your water bill. If you are joining us from outside the district, you may pay by check. Please contact Laurie Tatlock at 720-274-8377 or send us an email to CottonwoodWater@mulhernmre.com for more information about securing a plot at our Community Garden.

Next Meeting of the Board

Thursday, April 16, 2026. 8334 Sandreed Cir. Parker.CO. The Public is Invited to Attend!

District General Information

58 Inverness Drive East #100. Englewood, CO 80112. Open 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. During normal business hours call: 303-792-9509. Please visit the www.cottonwoodwater.org
After-Hours Water Emergencies: 303-426-3167.