

EAST DILLON WATER DISTRICT

January 2021

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, March 1st, 2021 at 12:30 PM via remote meeting format. For additional information regarding the meeting you can call (970) 468-6256 or email admin@eastdillon.com.

Winter Reminders & Water Usage

The periods of the highest water usage are generally during the summer months primarily from outside irrigation. However, there can be unintentional water usage from inside of the home. Toilets are generally the source of unintentional usage. Some leaks are minor and usually not noticeable by the occupant. However, as the small leak runs constantly, the usage can add up to several thousand gallons a day. A test for a toilet leak is to place food coloring in the tank. If the color shows up in the bowl, there is a leak from the water flap or fill setting in the tank. Toilets can also be a source of high water usage if the flap after flushing sticks open. If not noticed right away, this usage can be several thousand gallons per day. The District will attempt to contact users if we detect unusual water usage. We monitor usage patterns from the electronic meters that report daily.

While it does not occur as frequently as from toilets, other sources of unintentional usage can be from problems with boiler systems and hot water heaters.

A break in the plumbing in a home can use large quantities of water and cause significant damage. Owners are reminded that in addition to your personal comfort, the heating of your home protects water pipes from freezing. When you lower your thermostat to save costs or during a period you will not be occupying the home, please make sure to not reduce the temperature to a level that would cause your pipes to freeze. Broken pipes from freezing can do extensive and very expensive damage to your property.

2021 WATER RATES

The East Dillon Water District bills quarterly and in arrears. This billing is for the 4th quarter of 2020.

The 2020 base rate will remain \$ 46 per unit. The rate schedule by water usage level will remain the same as 2019 per the chart below. The rates are based on covering operating costs and contributing to reserves for major infrastructure repairs and replacement.

2021 Quarterly Water Rates

Base rate \$ 46

Usage (per 1,000 gallons)

0-23,000 gallons	\$ 2.00
23,001-50,000 gallons	\$ 5.60
Over 50,000 gallons	\$11.20

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station will remain \$ 76 per unit.

The District charges a \$ 25 late fee plus 3% interest per quarter for all late payments. A comprehensive 2020 Rate Schedule can be found at www.eastdillon.com.

Tap Fee (new construction) \$ 10,000 per unit.

The base rate does not include any water usage. The District utilizes a base rate structure as it is in an area with numerous vacation and second homes. The District incurs the same costs to insure water service is available to all properties, regardless if occupied full-time or on a limited basis during the year. These costs include the maintenance of water lines, pump capacity, treatment facilities and operations staff. Income from water usage charges also contributes to fixed costs and additional costs of delivering water.

The escalating rate scale of the District is intended to promote water conservation and sensible use of a limited resource.

ESTIMATED WATER USAGE?

Does your water bill say "ESTIMATED WATER USAGE"? If yes, it means we were not able to read your meter remotely, nor can we monitor your meter for unintended water use. Please contact District Administrator Tom Oberheide to schedule a time for our staff to replace equipment free of charge. Call 970-468-6256 or email admin@eastdillon.com to schedule.