

# EAST DILLON WATER DISTRICT

January 2023

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:30 PM at the East Dillon Water District office at 58 Grey Fox Lane. For additional information regarding the meeting please call (970) 468-6256 or email [admin@eastdillon.com](mailto: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 inside the home. Toilets are often 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.

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.

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## 2023 WATER RATES

The East Dillon Water District bills quarterly and in arrears. This billing is for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022.

The 2023 base rate will increase from \$46 to \$61 per quarter. Water usage rates will increase 10% for each usage tier. This increase is based on increased operating costs and designed to allow for sufficient reserves for major infrastructure repairs and replacements. The last rate increases occurred in 2018.

### 2023 Quarterly Water Rates

Base rate \$ 61

#### Usage (per 1,000 gallons)

0-23,000 gallons	\$ 2.20
23,001-50,000 gallons	\$ 6.16
Over 50,000 gallons	\$12.32

The base rate in Summerwood above the booster pump station will increase from \$76 to \$126 per quarter. This rate is based on covering costs to replace aging infrastructure required to provide domestic water service and fire suppression to upper Summerwood customers.

The District charges a \$ 25 late fee plus 3% interest per quarter for all late payments. A comprehensive 2023 Rate Schedule can be found at [www.eastdillon.com](http://www.eastdillon.com).

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

**Tap Fee** (Upper Summerwood) \$15,000 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](mailto:admin@eastdillon.com) to schedule.