



Fall 2026

WATER WHYS

The Latest from ECCV

*Sustaining our community by
providing safe, reliable water*

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Monitoring Your Usage

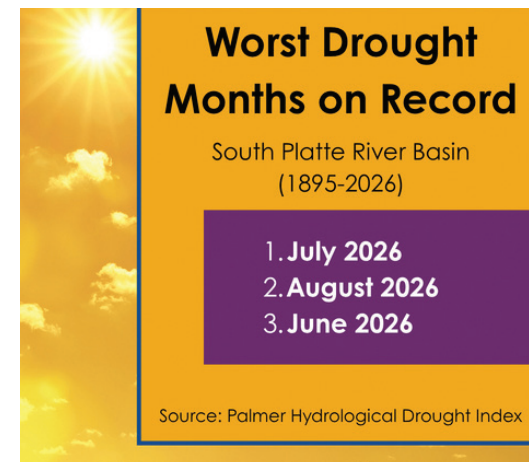
Most ECCV customers have access to a free tool they are not using. The water meters at most customer addresses are compatible with the free EyeOnWater app. This app allows customers to view the water usage data the meter is recording at their property.

With EyeOnWater, you can view usage down to the quarter-hour (15 minute intervals). This is especially helpful to see how your property is using water. When outdoor irrigation is permitted, EyeOnWater can help you confirm when sprinklers or drip systems are running, especially if they are set to water while you're asleep. It can also provide customers with proof that they are complying with outdoor watering restrictions.

During the winter months, EyeOnWater can serve as a first line of defense for potential leaks from frozen or damaged pipes or hose bibs. Customers can set the app to send them an email alert if usage indicates a potential leak at their property. This is especially useful for catching the most common leak: a quietly running toilet.

As we continue to navigate drought conditions and the potential for continued water restrictions well into 2027, EyeOnWater can be a valuable tool for water efficiency and conservation. Find more information on connecting your ECCV account to EyeOnWater at www.eccv.org/homeowner-information-eow.

Water Supply Outlook



ECCV's primary water supply is typically 65-75 percent full by the end of August. In most years it gets partially filled throughout fall and winter, and then close to topped off once snowmelt enters the South Platte River in the spring.

This year, as of the end of August, the primary supply was closer to 50 percent full due to virtually no spring runoff, and historically bad drought throughout the summer.

Even with an unusually snowy winter, it is likely that the 2027 outdoor watering season will begin with supply levels that are still notably lower than normal. We will hope for a strong winter snowpack, but plan for another year of heightened conservation. Look for updates on Nextdoor and Facebook throughout the coming months as we track the water outlook for 2027.



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When to Water Trees & Shrubs

From October through April, trees and shrubs will need watering if we go weeks without snow or precipitation. Only water when there is no snow on the ground and temperatures will remain above 40°F for several hours once watering is completed.

When to water trees

Trunk Diameter	Frequency
Young trees (0-2 years after planting)	2x per month
Less than 4"	1-2x per month
4"-10"	1-2x per month
More than 10"	1x per month

How much water for trees

Trunk Diameter	Gallons
1" or less	5
2-3"	10
4-5"	40
6-7"	60
8-9"	80
10-11"	100
12-13"	120
14" or more	140

Watering shrubs

Size	Gallons	Frequency
Newly planted	5	2x per month
Established, 3-5' tall	5	1x per month
Established, 6' tall or more	18	1x per month

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

Effective October 1, 2026



As of October 1, 2026, watering lawns or grass areas is not permitted until further notice. This includes spot watering by hand and use of manual sprinklers. Sprinkler systems should be turned off and blown out to prepare them for winter. Installation of new sod or grass seed that requires watering is also not permitted until further notice.

Customers may continue to use drip irrigation systems and soaker hoses to water trees, shrubs, and garden areas on the following schedule:

- **ODD-Numbered Addresses: Saturdays**
- **EVEN-Numbered Addresses: Sundays**
- **HOAs, schools, parks: Wednesdays**

Watering must occur between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Running drip irrigation systems or soaker hoses outside of this schedule can result in outdoor watering violations.

Hand-watering of trees, shrubs, and gardens is permitted any day for up to one hour. If using a hose, a shutoff nozzle is required. Please review the "When to Water Trees & Shrubs" story in this newsletter for more information on how much watering is recommended.

Freezing temperatures are likely in the coming weeks. In addition to draining and blowing out sprinkler systems, make sure hoses are disconnected and fully drained after each use.

Thank you for continuing to observe outdoor watering restrictions in what has been a challenging year for water supplies and landscapes. These efforts are the most effective action customers can take to help conserve our community's water supply.

Additional Winter Prep

- Insulate exposed pipe in drafty areas (consult a professional if using heat tape)
- Make sure everyone in your home knows where the master shutoff valve is located. This will stop the flow of water in the event of a burst pipe.