



# WATER WHYS

May 2015

*A Water Wise Info-Source...  
Sustaining our community by providing safe, reliable water*

## 2015 Watering Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVEN Numbered Addresses	ODD Numbered Addresses	EVEN Numbered Addresses	ODD Numbered Addresses	EVEN Numbered Addresses	NO Watering for Residential & Commercial Customers	ODD Numbered Addresses

### A 3-DAY WATERING SCHEDULE:



Keeps lawns and gardens healthy but also conserves water.



Reduces customer costs by allowing ECCV to use less infrastructure to meet demand.



Ensures enough water is available for peak demand days.

### Schedule effective April 1 - October 31, 2015

- Check for leaks in your system regularly.
- Turn off sprinklers when it rains, or on windy days.
- Use a hose to spot water patches, gardens, trees, and shrubs.

## Water Quality Report Available

ECCV compiles a water quality report each year to allow customers to learn about where the District's water comes from and the results of the frequent water quality testing conducted by the District.

You can find the 2015 Water Quality Report at [www.eccv.org](http://www.eccv.org).

## New Sod and Seed Planting

While flowers and garden plantings are allowed all year, ECCV requires sod and grass seed plantings take place before June 1 or after September 1. If you are planting new sod or seed prior to June 1, there are specific watering guidelines (*see numbers to the right*).

No special permits are required for these plantings, but make sure to save your receipt in case you are mistakenly cited for a violation. Please note that after the initial 14 day watering period, customers must then comply with ECCV's watering schedule. Get more information and tips for successful sod and seeding at [www.eccv.org/conservation/residential-conservation/sod-and-seeding](http://www.eccv.org/conservation/residential-conservation/sod-and-seeding).

### By the numbers:

**14** Residents may water new sod and seed plantings every day for 14 days.

**3** New sod and seed plantings can be watered up to three times per day.

**5/15** Water new plantings five minutes per zone (pop-up heads) or 15 minutes for rotor heads.



## System Ready for Summer

You may have seen the electronic signs on the side of the road, or watched as a hydrant in your neighborhood was opened. Throughout April ECCV crews conducted the District's annual system flush. This is an important effort to prep the ECCV water system for the summer irrigation season.

During the fall and winter, water usage in the District decreases significantly as home irrigation systems are turned off. With less water moving through the system, naturally occurring sediment can accumulate within the pipes. That's why ECCV conducts a system flush – sending water through every neighborhood in the District to flush out the pipes. Hydrants are opened to allow the water and sediment to exit the system. This also provides a chance to make sure all hydrants are working properly which is important for public safety.



## Staff Spotlight

**Rick Clark**  
**Senior Engineering Advisor**



It was a summer internship that first brought Rick Clark into the water industry. While working on a civil engineering degree, Rick interned at his hometown water utility. One of his first tasks: painting fire hydrants. Rick is a licensed Professional Engineer and certified water distribution operator.

Today, Rick is still working to keep a water system in top condition, albeit as ECCV's Senior Engineering Advisor. It's a role that finds him working with a number of partner agencies, and attorneys, on water supply issues as well as District staff on engineering and system projects. That variety of projects and people is what Rick enjoys most about his work at ECCV.

When off the clock, Rick is often enjoying time at home with his wife Teresa, and caring for his property in rural Adams County and animals including two cats, two chickens, and one horse. The Clarks are also looking forward to celebrating their silver anniversary this fall.

## Receive a notice?

Is your home's water meter located in your basement? If so, there's a chance you may receive a notice from ECCV. The District is in the middle of a three year effort to replace aging water meter transponders at customers' homes. Transponders allow ECCV to remotely collect meter readings. ECCV has replaced 250 transponders so far this year, and is working to replace hundreds more.

For homes with basement water meters, the District will need to coordinate with homeowners to complete this work. If you receive a notice at your door, please contact ECCV as soon as you can. The replacement process is fairly simple and takes about 20 minutes.

For homes with meters located outside, an ECCV crew will simply stop by and make the replacement if needed.