



WATER WHYS

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

2016 Watering Schedule in Effect

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

April marked the start of the 2016 watering season. As a reminder, the District implements a three-day per week watering schedule. Watering schedules have proven to limit peak day demands and allow ECCV to avoid unnecessary expansion of treatment plant operations. Specific watering days designated by house address can be found in the table above. This watering schedule is in effect through October 31, 2016.

Sod and seed planting is permitted until June 1 and then after September 1. Flower and garden plantings are permitted all year.

Here are additional tips to improve water use efficiency and save you money:

Water zones according to conditions. For example, zones in the shade will require less water where zones in the sun may require more water.



Regularly check irrigation for leaks, which can occur underground, in your sprinkler head, and in the valve box.



Turn off sprinklers when it rains or is windy to reduce water waste.



Use a hose to spot water dry patches, gardens, trees, and shrubs.



New Meter Technology at the Touch of a Finger

Technological innovations are making it easier than ever for customers to track their own water use. As part of ECCV's on-going efforts to replace aging water meters, the District will be phasing in new technology over the next several years.

In the near future, this technology will provide customers with the ability to track their daily, and even hourly, usage by simply accessing an app on their smart phone. Customers could have access to their water usage at the touch of a finger. This can be particularly useful for those looking to conserve water, as well as detecting leaks that could become expensive problems.

Look for more information on this exciting new technology in the coming months.

Residential Water Audits

Are you interested in making your home irrigation system more efficient? Properly maintained irrigation systems can save your wallet and the environment. This summer, ECCV will be offering a limited number of free residential irrigation system audits in each billing cycle. You can find your billing cycle at: <http://www.eccv.org/customer-service/residential-billing-cycle>.

If interested, please email irrigationaudits@eccv.org. Again, a limited amount of audits are available.

Mobile Water Treatment

ECCV is acquiring a mobile reverse osmosis (RO) treatment plant which will serve the District's ongoing effort to provide high quality, renewable drinking water in our community. RO plants are used to remove dissolved particles, such as salt, from water sources. Renewable water from different areas may have different characteristics. The mobile treatment plant will allow ECCV to conduct pilot testing of differing water supplies near its Northern Water Treatment Plant (NWTP) to determine optimal settings for treatment equipment. This testing will assist ECCV as it expands future production capacity at the NWTP.

This new mobile plant will also help with the maintenance of the NWTP. This mobile plant will allow individual elements from the RO skids to be cleaned onsite, rather than sending them to a third party for cleaning.



Water Quality Report

ECCV is constantly analyzing the quality of its water and monitoring for any potentially harmful contaminants. Each year, ECCV compiles the results of its extensive water quality testing into a report detailing what is in ECCV water and where it comes from. Water quality testing is conducted on a regular basis at points where water enters the system, and in neighborhoods throughout the District. The annual water quality report will be available at ECCV.org in the next few weeks.