



WATER WHYS

April 2018

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

Summer Watering Schedule

Residential/Commercial Customers
Effective April 1 - October 31, 2018

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

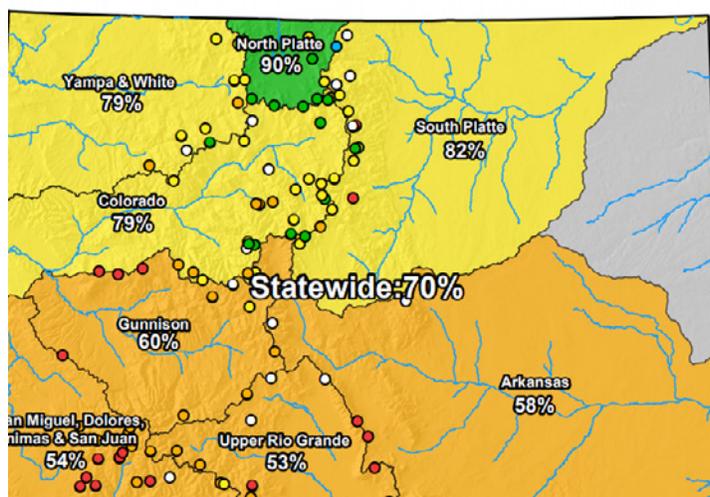
ECCV's summer watering schedule is now in effect. The three-day-per-week schedule for residential customers provides lawns and gardens with water during the summer months while also helping ensure demand can be met throughout the summer. This is especially important in years where a relatively dry winter creates the possibility for drought (see *article below*).

Sod and seed planting is allowed prior to June 1, and then again after September 1. Flowers and garden plantings are permitted all year. Find more information on summer watering at www.eccv.org/landscaping. If you're considering upgrading your sprinkler system controller this season, remember that ECCV offers rebates for modern controllers that can help avoid water waste. You can find more information on the rebate program and qualifying controllers at www.eccv.org/rebates.

2018 Could See Drought Return

It's been a mild winter for much of the Denver metro area and Front Range and that could signal the return of a drought. The severity and duration of droughts are difficult to predict. The latest information from the U.S. Drought Monitor and Colorado Water Conservation Board indicates that snowmelt in the South Platte River basin is currently 82% of normal. ECCV's renewable water supply comes from this basin.

ECCV keeps a close eye on drought conditions and how they may impact water supplies. Currently, the District's renewable supply looks to be in good shape for the summer, but droughts can escalate quickly and last indefinitely. This underscores the importance of conservation. While ECCV's combination of renewable water and non-renewable wells can buffer the impact of dry spells, community-wide conservation extends resources and can prevent the needs for increased watering restrictions should drought conditions intensify in the coming months. See the article on the reverse side for information on how you can get in touch with ECCV's Water Efficiency Specialist and access to conservation tools.



Current snowpack by basin compared to historic median
(Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)

You can find the latest information on drought conditions throughout Colorado by visiting the Colorado Water Conservation Board's drought response portal at <http://coh2o.co/>.

Hydrant Flushing Underway

Each spring, ECCV crews conduct hydrant flushing operations throughout the District. This process usually begins in late March and runs through the first week of May. Crews go neighborhood by neighborhood and open every hydrant in the District, usually for a few minutes. This project helps ensure that hydrants are in good working order, which is important for public safety, and helps prepare the community water system for summer. Given lower demand during the winter months, naturally occurring sediment can settle in water lines. The hydrant flushing program helps clear the lines in anticipation of higher demand during the summer irrigation season.



Flushing operations can create temporary water discoloration in some neighborhoods. ECCV recommends avoiding laundry when flushing is happening in your neighborhood. If you do experience water discoloration, allow your faucet to run on cold for several minutes until the water clears. Look for signage at the entrance to neighborhoods and announcements posted on Nextdoor when flushing operations enter your neighborhood. A full schedule, weather permitting, is also available at www.eccv.org/hydrantflushing.

Staff Spotlight: Laura Coutu



Laura is the newest member of the ECCV team, having started in late March as the District's Water Efficiency Specialist. Laura comes to ECCV after working in the conservation departments at both Denver Water and Aurora Water. As the District's Water Efficiency Specialist, Laura is excited to work with customers on conservation projects. As she puts it, conservation doesn't have to be about making drastic changes, but rather finding ways to use water wisely.

Prior to her work in water conservation, Laura worked in human services for nearly a decade before opting to return to school where she earned a degree in environmental science. She spends much of her free time hiking or pursuing myriad other outdoor adventures, and spending time with her daughter.

Customers Now Have a Conservation Consultant

ECCV customers looking to save water, and in turn decrease water bills, have a new resource. As featured above, Laura Coutu is ECCV's Water Efficiency Specialist. She can provide a variety of tips on how to use water efficiently, and also provide custom assessments for both indoor and outdoor water use at your home. A key component of these assessments is finding conservation opportunities that can have a big impact on a customer's water use, and minimal impact on their way of life.

Laura can help customers utilize new metering technology which is available free of charge. These tools help track water use and detect leaks early to avoid water waste and higher bills. She's also happy to assist customers who are interested in taking advantage of ECCV's rebate program for high-efficiency toilets, washers and modern sprinkler system controllers. Whether you're passionate about conserving water, or looking for ways to decrease monthly bills, Laura is here to help. Send her an email at conservation@eccv.org.