

WATER-WISE RULES

The six key rules:

1. You may water up to three days a week. You choose the days.
2. In warmer weather (from May 1-Oct. 15), run sprinklers before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to reduce evaporation.
3. Do not let water pool on hard surfaces or flow down gutters.
4. Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
5. Use a shut-off nozzle when washing anything with a hose.
6. Clean hard surfaces (such as driveways, sidewalks and patios) with water only if there is a public health or safety concern.

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OR CALL 448-4800**

Why do we need water-wise rules?

We live in a semi-arid climate where water is a precious resource. As our community continues to grow, building our conservation ethic with water-wise rules protects our water supply while saving water for tomorrow.

How do the rules help my community?

These water-wise rules prevent our community from wasting water. This helps our environment and protects our water resources. You may also save money on your water bill.

Will these new rules be enforced?

Our priority is education and helping customers find success with the new rules. Customers who violate the rules may be fined \$100.

Do other communities in Colorado have water-wise rules?

These changes align us with other Front Range cities (i.e. Denver, Aurora, Greeley, Fort Collins,) and are considered an important part of conserving water in Colorado.

What about watering for newly planted grass seed or sod?

Customers who need to establish new grass or plants with sprinklers can apply for an establishment permit.

I have a large landscape and a complex irrigation system. Now what?

If you have a large landscape, complex irrigation system or other conditions which will not allow you to follow the three-days-per-week rule, you can apply for a water allocation plan. This gives you more flexibility related to when the water is used. However, it will not allow additional water.

Does the three-day-a-week watering limit apply to my trees, shrubs, flower and vegetable gardens?

Watering is allowed any time with a drip irrigation system, handheld hose with a shutoff nozzle or other handheld watering container.

Can you have a green lawn and healthy landscape with three days of weekly watering?

Yes, with proper watering and lawn care techniques, current landscapes can remain healthy with three days of watering per week. These rules are designed to conserve water while still allowing for beautiful landscapes in our community. We have lawn, landscape and irrigation resources at the Conservation and Environmental Center, 2855 Mesa Road and at www.csu.org/waterwiserules.

How much water will this save?

Over the next 50 years, our community needs to save more than 10,000 acre-feet per year of water to meet our long-term water resource goals. That's enough water to fill more than 5,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools annually. These new rules are expected to meet 10% of that efficiency goal.