

# Pinery Pipeline

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## Voluntary Watering Restrictions

Effective immediately, the Pinery Water and Wastewater District Board is requesting that all customers voluntarily conserve on water following a 3-day per week schedule. During the months of April and May, the front range experienced unusually hot temperatures and a significant lack of precipitation. Records are being broken on a regular basis and Colorado wildfires are a hot topic in the news! The Board understands and appreciates your pride in maintaining beautiful landscaping, a luscious green lawn and blooming plants; however, the current demand for water is consistently maximizing the water system and everyone is now asked


to help out by conserving. This includes all residents, golf courses, schools, and Home Owner's Associations.

Be assured that the Pinery Water District owns adequate water rights and continues to plan for the future water needs of our customers. During this period of drought, we are monitoring our water levels closely and working to maximize efficiencies in the system. Unfortunately, recent heat waves with temperatures in the 90's and triple digits have pushed us back into a drought crisis mode and we all must respond - starting today!

The following is a 3-day schedule for all your outdoor watering needs:

2006 VOLUNTARY WATERING SCHEDULE						
PINERY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>EVEN</b> Numbered Addresses	<b>ODD</b> Numbered Addresses	<b>EVEN</b> Numbered Addresses	<b>ODD</b> Numbered Addresses	<b>EVEN</b> Numbered Addresses	<b>NO</b> Watering	<b>ODD</b> Numbered Addresses

⊘ No Watering between 10am & 6pm  
\* Hand Watering allowed anytime



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For help in calculating how much water your lawn needs, check out [www.watersaver.org](http://www.watersaver.org). This website will guide you through a short questionnaire about your specific lawn and plant needs, even the types of sprinkler heads you have installed. With that information, a recommended monthly timing schedule will be provided for adequate lawn irrigation. Thanks to Denver Water for the development of this helpful website!

The graphic features two blue water drop characters holding green signs with a clock icon. The text "Run-Time Scheduler" is written in a white, cursive font over a background of green grass and a blue sky.

## ***Some great conservation tips . . .***

*([www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/consumer](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/consumer))*

### **Guidelines for when to water:**

Irrigate when footprints or mower tracks become visible or the lawn become blue-gray in color.

*Slowly* apply water at rates that replace evaporation so runoff and puddles do not occur.

Move your sprinkler around the yard in cycles to let the water thoroughly and evenly soak in.

Water dry spots instead of the entire lawn.

Water between 9PM & 9AM to avoid evaporation losses from hot and windy weather conditions.

### **Additional Ways to Conserve Water for Landscaping**

Make sure the irrigation system is operating properly, replace broken or missing sprinkler heads.

Make sure the spray heads turn properly & check nozzles for plugging.

Adjust heads so that water does not reach streets and driveways.

Place straight-sided containers (such as tuna fish cans) around the yard during irrigation and measure water depth so that you know how long it takes to apply  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of water.

Place containers on persistent dry spots to determine if poor sprinkler coverage is the problem.

Never water if the soil is still wet.

### **Managing the Water Needs of Plants**

Reset automatic controllers according to the seasonal needs of plants. Inspect controls at least once a month to adjust run times.

Shaded plants use less water than plants in full sun.

### **Mulching for Water Conservation**

Mulching reduces evaporation from the soil surface and reduces irrigation needs by approximately 50%!

Use an organic mulch to a depth of approximately 4 inches.

Grass clippings can be used as mulch in the vegetable garden. Do not use clippings from lawns treated with herbicides or other pesticides in the past month.

Use spun or woven permeable landscape fabrics rather than solid sheet plastics.