

Pinery Pipeline

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Who Does the District Serve?

In 1965, the District was formed as the “Denver Southeast Suburban Water and Sanitation District.” We had our first customer in 1971 and have been providing water and wastewater services ever since. In the early 1990’s we began doing business as the “Pinery Water and Wastewater District” to give a geographic connection between our name and the area that we serve.

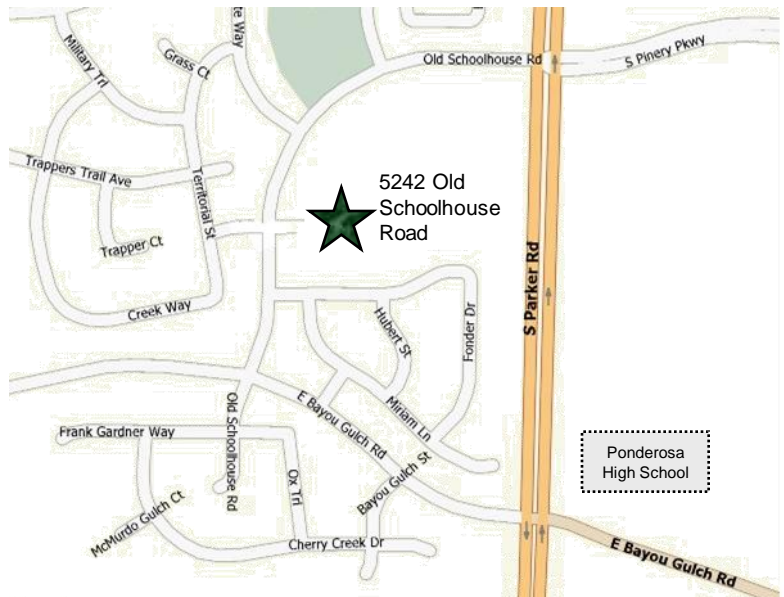
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- TIMBERS
- COLORADO GOLF
- COBBLESTONE RANCH*
- MACANTA*

*Providing sewer service only

Did you know.....

As one of Douglas County’s oldest buildings, the Fonder Schoolhouse was originally built in 1884, constructed of rhyolite from the Castle Rock area.

Named after its founder, Miriam Fonder, the building is currently used as a conference room for the District. Located along “Old Schoolhouse Road,” guests frequently stop by to visit!



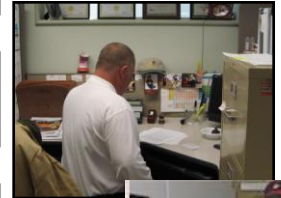
Need to Pay Your Water Bill?

You may choose to either drop off a payment at our office or 24-hour drop box, mail a personal check, or use electronic bank transfer. Check out www.pinerywater.com for more details! We are located at 5242 Old Schoolhouse Road (see map above).

At this time, the District does not accept credit card payments or take payment over the telephone.

A Day in the Life of a Water Operator....

Relatively speaking, the Pinery Water District is a small operation compared to Denver and Aurora. What this means to the District's Water Operators is that they have to be proficient in many different things. A classic example of this is our own John Peyton. John's duties vary daily from monitoring the operations of the district, security checks, and well operations. He also is seen regularly "locating" pipelines and sewer mains in the area to prevent contractors/homeowners from striking them when digging or excavating. So if you see John wandering around in a lot nearby, don't be alarmed! He's just trying to help avoid puncturing a pipeline that would greatly impact your service. Unique to John, he does most of the manufacturing of different items needed around the District; many which involve steel work. You see, John was a professional welder prior to joining the District nearly eight years ago – a skill the District truly appreciates. When asked about his primary responsibility to the District he explains, "To provide safe, pure and satisfying water to every tap in the Pinery." And reminding us that every time a customer turns on a faucet to enjoy a cold glass of water, it didn't "just happen", a lot of work went into bringing quality water to you everyday!



Spring Flushing of The Water System

Over the winter, mineral deposits that occur naturally in the water build up inside the water main due to lower water usage. Every spring, the District clears the water mains that serve your home by opening fire hydrants. The amount of water delivered from the hydrant is able to pick up the deposits and remove them from the water supply. While this may seem wasteful, our high water quality is maintained and complaints relating to taste, odor and color are greatly reduced. The Staff will flush the water to storm and sewer systems when possible, but at times will use a diffuser that sprays the water so that it dissipates without causing erosion of the area near the fire hydrant. At the same time, fire hydrants are checked for operation and visibility to insure that if there is a fire, they are operational and are easy to find. There are over 100 miles of water mains and more than 700 fire hydrants in the District.



Want to avoid a "surprise" in your next water bill? Assuming there are no leaks in your house can cost you money!

One of the first indications of a water leak is an unexplained increase in the usage on your water bill. If there is an increase in usage that cannot be explained (i.e., extra people, lawn watering, faucet left on, etc.), there is a possibility that a toilet is leaking, a faucet dripping, or there is a break in the lawn irrigation system.

Did you know that one leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day????
That could account for up to 6000 gallons wasted in a month!

Take a little time this spring and check out your sprinkler system. Check for leaks throughout the system. Position sprinkler heads so that you're watering your landscaping, not the sidewalk! Finally, adjust the timing device appropriately.