

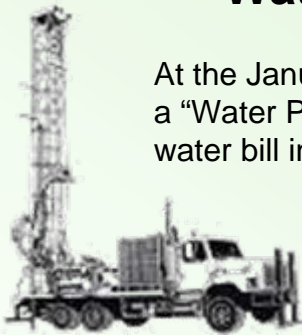
Pinery Pipeline

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Pinery Water & Wastewater District – 303.841.2797

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Water Project Fee Approved by Board



At the January Board meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a Resolution creating a “Water Project Fee”. This fee will begin in March, so it will first show up on your water bill in May/June. The fee is set at \$12.50 per month (\$25 on a bi-monthly bill).

The revenue from the fee will be used for Water Supply Projects which will include regional renewable water supply projects and new wells to offset declining production of our existing wells. The authorizing Resolution requires that the money from this fee be accounted for separately from other revenues of the District and that it can only be spent on Board authorized water supply projects.

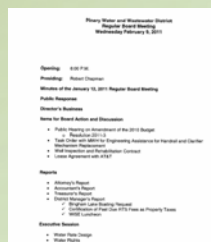
It has been the District’s goal to have the revenue from our water and sewer rates cover operations, maintenance, repair and replacement of our facilities. Fees charged on new development are used to construct the facilities necessary to serve that new development plus buy-in to the existing facilities of the District. This new water project fee is focused on water supply projects necessary to replace lost productivity in our Denver Basin wells and to acquire and construct facilities to bring additional renewable water supplies into the District. The revenue from this fee will fund projects which will assure that we have a safe and reliable source of water well into the future.

In the future we will be placing information on our website so you can track how this fee is being used to enhance our water supply.

New Addition to Website

New for 2011, the monthly Board meeting agendas and approved minutes have been added to the District’s website www.pinerywater.com for your reference.

Just click on the “Meetings” tab and open the applicable file by date.



FREE means \$ FREE!

1000 Douglas County/S. Metro Residents will receive a free sprinkler system retrofit to the new high efficiency rotary sprinkler nozzles.

Save up to 30% of your watering bill with this system.



Douglas County Water Resource Authority received a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to hire local high school students to install 1000 sprinkler system retrofits in the summer of 2011.

To take advantage of this offer, you must sign up for the program, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 7th. Only the 1st 1000 residents who sign up for this water saving program will get all the sprinkler heads at their residence replaced at no charge for either labor or parts! For additional information go to www.DCWater.org and click on “sprinklers”.



Douglas County
Water Resource Authority
Serious Conservation. Serious Results.

Don't Miss Out
First Come - First Served
While They Last

Water Conservation Talk

As spring draws near, we recommend that you check out www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/garden for wonderful tips and information about watering, gardening and general maintenance of your landscaping. Here are a few tips to think about as warmer weather approaches:

Winter Water Tip: Don't start up your sprinkler system quite yet... water *only* when air and soil temperatures are consistently above 40 degrees Fahrenheit with no snow cover. In Colorado, this is typically around the first part of May.

A rule of thumb is to water an established lawn as deeply and infrequently as possible. This practice will stimulate root growth, resulting in a drought tolerant and pest resistant turf.

Think about xeriscaping a section of your yard this spring – By limiting turf areas, using plants that require low water consumption, in addition to mulch, rock and decorative items, you can save gallons of waters daily! Xeriscaping can provide for a lush, colorful and easy to care landscape.



A few friendly reminders:

WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING

The District maintains over 100 miles of water mains and more than 700 fire hydrants! 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. By flushing annually, our high water quality is maintained and issues relating to taste, odor and color are greatly reduced. At the same time, fire hydrants are checked for operation and visibility to insure that if there is a fire, they are operational and easy to find.



Just a reminder to take a little time this spring and check out your sprinkler system. We suggest starting with an inspection for leaks throughout the system. Next, position sprinkler heads so that you are watering your landscaping, not the sidewalk! Finally, adjust the timing device appropriately.

Roots in your Sewer System?

For those Pinery residents living in areas with mature trees, trees, roots can become a real problem if they penetrate your sewer lines! *RootX* is a product that kills roots in the sewer line and prevents their re-growth for up to one year. Most importantly, it will *not* harm your trees!!! *RootX* can be purchased at the District office.

You may also purchase similar products from your plumber, but **DO NOT PURCHASE PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN COPPER SULFATE.**

The EPA has approved *RootX* for use in all fifty states. Please call the District at (303) 841-2797 and press "0" for additional information.



LANDSCAPING CONSIDERATIONS



This spring, when you're considering a new landscaping plan or cleaning up the old landscaping, don't forget:

Keep the area around fire hydrants and meter pits free of shrubs, trees and fences. This clearance will help the emergency responders locate a hydrant in case of a fire emergency.

Additionally, it will assist District staff in reading your water meter and doing regular maintenance on the hydrants.

Please note, that the District is not responsible for replacing sod or foliage planted near the meter in the case of a leak at the meter. If there is any landscaping obstructing or impacting the ability to read the meter, the landscaping will be removed, cut back or trimmed.

If you have any questions, please give us a call!