



Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District October 2020

Dear District Residents:

This has been a crazy year. Besides COVID and our national political discord, we have all grown weary of the persistent smoke from nearby wildfires. We anxiously await sufficient precipitation to bring the fires under control.

Because of the extremely dry conditions, Routt County has been under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions since early July. The fire restrictions concurrently caused the water district to implement watering restrictions. Water is a precious commodity and should not be wasted. Please refer to Section 7 – Water Conservation, in our Rules & Regulations, for more information. Needless to say, we ask that you do not ever use our limited water supply to water turf grass. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Here in the water district, we were saddened at the passing of one of our board members at the beginning of April. Jeff Wilson was a fine husband, father, and friend. In addition to serving on our board, he was a selfless member of the North Routt Volunteer Fire Department and an exemplary Steamboat Springs Police Officer.

Every autumn, we flush our water hydrants around the subdivision. This is done to help remove any sediment that may have accumulated in our mains. The hydrant-flushing process may also cause residents to observe some discoloration of their water. Our water operator attempts to flush the hydrants earlier during the day so the water will clear up by the time residents return home from work at night. We apologize for any temporary discoloration of your water.

With summer coming to a close, it is time to think about winterizing your home. In regard to our water & sewer system, here a few things to consider:

- Remove garden hoses from your exterior hose bibbs. This will help prevent excess water in your pipes from freezing,
- If possible, turn off shut off valves on your water supply that lead to exterior faucets,
- Drain your drip irrigation system, if you have one installed,
- Check your sewer cleanout pipe for cracks or broken pipes and fix if needed. By not repairing your cleanout, infiltrating dirt and debris causes undue strains on our sewer system, and
- Check the inside your home for dripping faucets and leaking toilets. Repair them as necessary.

Finally, we invite you to check out our new website at <https://steamboatlakewsd.colorado.gov> . In addition to our Rules & Regulations, you'll find the minutes of our meetings and the agendas for upcoming board meetings. We also have a new Facebook page; please visit our page for current information about hydrant flushing activity, any water or sewer main breaks, etc. Please also note that we have changed our Post Office Box number at the Clark Store.

Sincerely,
The Steamboat Lake Water & Sanitation District

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