



Steamboat II Metropolitan District

The Board of Directors for the Steamboat II Metropolitan District recently held a public water hearing to discuss water rates. In an effort to encourage water conservation, the board unanimously decided to increase the rate per 1,000 gallons above the base rate. You can do your part to conserve water by following these tips:



INDOOR CONSERVATION

- Landscaping accounts for about half the water use at home. Showers account for another 18 percent, while toilets use about 20 percent.
- Showering and bathing are the largest indoor uses (27%) of water domestically.
- If every household in America had a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.
- A continuously running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons a day. That can double a family's typical water use, so fix toilet leaks as soon as possible.
- A leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons a day.
- You use about 5 gallons of water if you leave the water running while brushing your teeth.

- Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full.
- An automatic dishwasher uses 9 to 12 gallons of water while hand washing dishes can use up to 20 gallons.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth or shaving. Get in the habit of turning off the water when it's not being used.

OUTDOOR CONSERVATION

- Set lawn mower blades to the highest notch to lessen evaporation and to shade roots.
- Adjust your sprinklers so that they're watering your lawn and garden, and not the street or sidewalk.
- Water early in the morning (before 10a.m) or later in the evening (after 6 p.m.) when temperatures are cooler and evaporation is minimized.
- Set it, but don't forget it! Whether you have a manual or automatic system, be sure to adjust your [watering schedules](#) throughout the irrigation season.
- Water established lawns about 1 inch per week (a bit more during hot, dry weather).

- Install a rain sensor which will override your sprinkler system settings when it is raining.
- If you water your grass and trees more heavily, but less often, this saves water and builds stronger roots.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. If you step on the grass and it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, it does need water.
- Do not hose down your driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom to clean leaves and other debris from these areas. Using a hose to clean a driveway wastes hundreds of gallons of water.

The average Steamboat II Metro District resident uses 30,000 gallons of water monthly during summer and 4,000 gallons monthly during the winter months.

Some of these facts and tips are courtesy of the Mojave Water Agency and the EPA www.mojavewater.org and the American Water Works Association.

<https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/outdoor.html>

Noxious Weeds

Per Colorado State Law, landowners are required to manage noxious weeds on their property. Common weeds found in Routt County are Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle, Houndstongue, Scentless Chamomile, Oxeye Daisy and White Top. Visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxiousweeds> for more information and identification.

New Water Rates Effective May 1, 2017

| Gallons used per month | Price per 1,000 | Bracket Maximum | Total Fee |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 0-9,000 | Flat Fee | Flat Fee | \$27.00 |
| 9,001-17,000 | \$2.00 | \$16.00 | \$43.00 |
| 17,001-25,000 | \$3.25 | \$26.00 | \$69.00 |
| 25,001-33,000 | \$4.75 | \$38.00 | \$107.00 |
| 33,001-41,000 | \$7.75 | \$62.00 | \$169.00 |
| 41,001-49,000 | \$10.50 | \$84.00 | \$253.00 |
| 49,001-57,000 | \$13.75 | \$110.00 | \$363.00 |
| 57,001-65,000 | \$16.50 | \$132.00 | \$495.00 |
| 65,001-73,000 | \$22.00 | \$176.00 | \$671.00 |
| 73,001-81,000 | \$25.00 | \$200.00 | \$871.00 |
| 81,001+ | \$30.00 | | |

The City of Steamboat Springs passed an ordinance that increases sewer rates for the next 3 years and are as follows:

| MONTHLY SEWER RATES | | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| \$38.00 | \$40.35 | \$42.87 | \$45.60 |