

## **BANCROFT-CLOVER WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT**

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**May 2017 NEWSLETTER**

### **Summer Watering Rules Begin May 1st**

Summer watering rules are in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Summer watering rules are:

- Water during cooler times of the day — lawn watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Water no more than three days per week.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets, and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete or asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.

*\*Summer watering rules are mandatory. Customers who violate the watering rules may be subject to fines.*

### **Leaking Toilets? Grab a Leak Detection Kit From The District Office.**

Toilet leaks could potentially add \$25.00 or more to your monthly bill by remaining undetected and are not solely recognizable by sound. The leak detection kit is free of charge and works simply by dropping the tablet in the tank and waiting for 15 minutes. If the blue dye from the tank appears in the bowl, you have a leak. The same result can also be achieved using a few drops of food coloring. Toilet tanks should be checked at least twice per year. If you are concerned that you have other leaks you are unaware of, call our office for a review of your consumption history. If your water consumption looks abnormal, we have field technicians that can further assist in identifying leaks.

### **Get Your Automatic Sprinkler Functioning at Prime Efficiency**

When you turn your system on for the season, make sure you cycle through each zone to check for leaks. Most systems are set to during night or early morning hours. Cycling through the zones at startup helps identify underground leaks and missing or damaged heads that you may not otherwise see. Make sure to check your system control valves in the sprinkler box. A leaking control valve can allow water to run into your system even when a zone is not active. Also, don't forget to check your controller's settings if it loses power. Some controllers will revert to factory settings if they lose power. Watering two days a week should be sufficient during most summer months and adding a third day during only extreme heat or dry periods, can save you money while contributing to overall water conservation. In addition to adjusting your watering days, altering the sprinkler system's timer each month is a great way to save water and lower your bill while preserving your landscape. Watering times will depend on the type of

sprinkler you use, the amount of precipitation, your type of grass and shaded areas. Suggested average watering times per zone are:

Watering Month	Fixed Spray Heads	Rotor Heads	Rotary Nozzles	Manual Sprinklers
May	12	24	30	18
June	17	35	43	26
July	18	36	45	27
August	14	27	34	20
September	11	23	28	17

Source: <http://www.denverwater.org/Conservation/WaterUseRulesRegulations/SummerWateringRules/>

## **Is Fire Hydrant Flushing Wasting Water?**

Some customers have questions or comments when they see District field crews running a large amount of water out of fire hydrants.

Some of these comments can be:

- Why are you wasting water?
- Can't you put that water on my lawn?
- Are you charging me for the usage?

During the winter months when there is very little water usage in the main lines, minor amounts of sediment can build up in the water distribution system causing the water to become stale. In order to clean the water main lines, a large volume of water is required to 'flush' through the line to move sediment out of the system. Even if everyone in a subdivision was using water at the same time, there would not be enough velocity in the main lines to clear the lines properly. The large volume of water that is required to flush the lines would only be damaging to any landscape or turf area and must be dechlorinated before discharging into the storm sewer system.

All hydrants need to be operated each spring to ensure that there was not any damage sustained during the winter, and that the hydrant will work as designed in an emergency situation.

If you see a damaged fire hydrant, please contact the District office!

## **Automatic Payment Plan Sign Up Form**

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### AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT / AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT Bancroft-Clover Water and Sanitation District

I (we) authorize the Company (Bancroft-Clover Water and Sanitation District) to initiate variable entries to my (our) account described below.

Financial Institutions Name \_\_\_\_\_

**TO IMPLEMENT THE AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION FORM.  
PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Bancroft-Clover Water and Sanitation District Billing Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

