

ARTICLE 9 USER REQUIREMENTS

PART D EXTERIOR WATER USE

9D-1 LAWN AND LANDSCAPE WATERING RESTRICTIONS (NON-DRAUGHT)

9D-1-1 THREE DAY LIMIT - No customer or property may utilize District water to irrigate outdoor landscapes, lawns, or turfgrass more than three (3) calendar days within any single week (Sunday through Saturday).

9D-1-2 ASSIGNED DAYS - Outdoor irrigation is restricted to designated days determined by the final digit of the property's physical street address:

9D-1-2.1 Even-Numbered Addresses - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

9D-1-2.2 Odd-Numbered Addresses - Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

9D-1-2.3 No-Number/Unassigned Properties - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

9D-1-2.4 Mondays - Outdoor irrigation is strictly prohibited for all properties to allow system infrastructure recovery.

9D-1-3 STANDARD DURATION OF DAILY WATERING TIME:

9D-1-3.1 Maximum Station Run Times - To prevent over-saturation and surface runoff, the maximum cumulative duration for any individual irrigation zone or valve station shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes per assigned watering day.

9D-1-3.2 Cycle-and-Soak Requirement - If an irrigation zone requires the full 20-minute daily maximum, it must be split into multiple shorter cycles (e.g., two 10-minute cycles or four 5-minute cycles) separated by a minimum of 30 minutes of soak time to promote deep soil absorption.

9D-1-4 PROHIBITED TIMES AND PRACTICES

9D-1-4.1 Midday Ban - No outdoor irrigation may occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day due to high evaporation rates.

9D-1-4.2 Weather Restrictions - Irrigation is prohibited during periods of active precipitation or wind speeds exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour.

9D-1-4.3 Hardscape Runoff - No person shall allow water from a hose, spigot, or irrigation system to pool, pond, or run off onto sidewalks, driveways, streets, or into storm drains.

9D-1-5 EXEMPTIONS

The weekly frequency and standard duration limits do not apply to the following activities, provided they do not result in water pooling or hardscape runoff:

9D-1-5.1 Hand-watering of vegetable gardens, flowers, shrubs, and trees using a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

9D-1-5.2 Targeted drip irrigation or micro-spray systems serving non-turf landscaping.

9D-1-5.2 Properties operating under a temporary "New Landscape Establishment Permit" approved in writing by the District Manager or designee. Apply for a permit by calling the District office at 303-755-4474.

(1) New native grass seed-up to 8 weeks temporary allowance.

(2) New sod, trees or shrubs-up to 3 weeks temporary allowance

9D-2 VEHICLE WASHING AND POWER WASHING

9D-2-1 Residential and Personal Vehicles

1) Nozzle Requirement - Personal vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles, may only be washed using a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle. Leaving a hose running continuously without a functioning, automatic shut-off nozzle while washing a vehicle is strictly prohibited.

2) Day and Time Restrictions - Washing is limited strictly to the customer's assigned outdoor watering days. Washing is entirely prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to minimize evaporation.

3) Runoff Prevention - Water used for washing must not be allowed to pool, accumulate, or flow freely onto impervious surfaces, streets, gutters, or adjacent properties.

4) Alternative Methods - The use of buckets, sponges, or waterless car wash products is highly encouraged to minimize potable water consumption.

9D-2-2 Commercial and Fleet Vehicles

- 1) Commercial Facilities - Commercial car wash businesses must utilize professional water-recycling systems and optimize overall system efficiency to reduce potable intake.
- 2) Fleet Operations - Fleet and municipal vehicles may be washed no more than once per calendar week.
- 3) Health and Safety Exemptions - More frequent fleet washing is permitted only when required by law to protect public health, safety, or bio-security.

9D-2-3 Power Washing - Power Washing Hard Surfaces, such as exterior walls, garage floors and driveways is permitted only on your assigned watering day, unless there is an immediate health or safety need. Cleaning without water should be done first whenever possible. Commercial power washing businesses are not subject to day-of-the-week limits, but must clean without water first, use high-efficiency equipment, and prevent water waste.

9D-3 DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS

9D-3-1 LAWN AND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

9D-3-1.1 Assigned watering days may be reduced to two days per week. Check District website for assigned watering days for your address.

9D-3-1.2 Watering duration may be reduced per sprinkler zone on the assigned watering day. Check District website for duration restrictions.

9D-3-1.3 Unless otherwise posted on the District's website, during a drought, trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and vegetables may be watered any day using a hand-held hose or low-volume, non-spray irrigation (such as drip systems).

9D-3-2 VEHICLE WASHING AND POWER WASHING

During a drought, the District may establish temporary mandates to eliminate water waste from vehicle cleaning and power washing (such as buildings and garage floors during declared drought stages. Restrictions may apply to all residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers served by the District. Check the District's website for vehicle and power washing restrictions.

9D-3-3 DROUGHT PRICING

Drought pricing will be in effect as approved by the Board of Directors. Check the District's website for water pricing during declared drought stages.

9D-3-4 COMPLIANCE WITH DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR PROPERTIES WITH DUAL WATER SOURCES

This section 9D-3-4 applies to all real property owners within the District boundaries who maintain a District water tap for in-home domestic use but utilize a private, shared, or permitted well for outdoor irrigation. The District finds that outdoor irrigation heavily impacts local groundwater aquifers and shared water resources. Uniform enforcement of drought restrictions is necessary to ensure equitable water conservation during shortages.

Notwithstanding the source of the irrigation water, all property owners subject to this Rule shall strictly comply with any and all drought declarations, stage restrictions, watering schedules, and conservation measures enacted by the District. During any declared drought stage, property owners utilizing well water for irrigation are expressly prohibited from:

- a. Irrigating outside of designated days or hours authorized by the current drought stage.
- b. Allowing well water to run off properties into public rights-of-way, gutters, or adjacent parcels.
- c. Operating non-functional ornamental water features using well water.

Failure to comply with District drought restrictions, regardless of water source, constitutes a violation of District Rules. Violations will be subject to standard enforcement mechanisms, including but not limited to, administrative fines, progressive penalties, and potential suspension of the District domestic water service tap.

Properties using wells for irrigation should also display prominent signage indicating that the water is not supplied by the District or by Denver Water.

Report Water Waste 303-755-4474.