

Hamilton Creek Metropolitan District

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Please Conserve Water! A combination of reduced flows in the Creek and higher usage beginning with the 4th of July weekend is limiting the amount of available water. The District is able to utilize the excellent quality Creek water for household use even with very low flows, but cannot do so if there is excessive irrigation of landscaping. The low snow pack this winter will result in the Creek water volume continuing to drop. The recent rains have been good to minimize the fire hazard and greening up the area, but they have very little effect on the available water in the Creek for the remainder of the summer.

Residents should limit outside irrigation to properly operating drip systems and hand watering of individual plants. During this drought period the District does not have enough water for spray irrigation of turf for the remainder of the summer.

As you are aware, the alternative for the District should the Creek not provide enough water as we progress through the summer is using the wells. While we can mix water to limit the fluoride to below the required level, using the well water will return the "rotten egg" smell and taste to the water. Please do your part to help allow us to try and get through this summer without switching to the wells.

What is "conservative" usage? On average, household (inside the house) usage for a full time resident should be approximately 5,000 gallons per person. The District includes 15,000 gallons per quarter in the base rate with usage over this amount billed at \$3 per 1,000 gallons. Many users use less than this amount of water due to conservation or part time occupancy of their Hamilton Creek home. Native landscaping using drip systems can be maintained with a minimal amount of water. If you are using more than 20,000 gallons in a quarter, and it is the result of outside usage, the District needs you to work at conserving water for the rest of the summer.

Road Work. The Metro District will be starting some minor road repairs on Monday July 19th. The work will include crack sealing on all roads and some minor patching. The work is being done by Double M Seal Coat from Avon.

Most owners who requested separate bids for individual driveway sealing, patching and crack filling have a bid included with this billing. Should you have any question on the bid you can contact Mike @ Double M. If you would like to have the work done while Double M is working in Hamilton Creek, please contact Bob Polich @ (970) 668-5500 Ext 12 or admin@hamiltoncreek.org. Double M indicated they still were working on a few bids that had been requested. If anyone is still interested in asphalt work while they are in the area please contact Bob.

Association Annual Meeting. Over 90 residents attended the annual meeting on June 26th. For the first time the "guaranteed" perfect weather did not happen, but it did not seem to deter attendance. Thank you to all those who attended. Owner suggestions on the post office boxes, hillside landscaping, newspaper delivery, consolidated trash pick up and other ideas are helpful in future planning for the Boards of the Association and Metro District.

