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ACWWA FLOW Update

Studies have shown that Colorado faces a projected shortfall of more than 400,000 acre-feet of water by 2040. Even with conservation measures in place, the current supply would provide water for up to two million additional people, but more than two million newcomers are expected to move to Colorado by 2040! (*The Villager*, January 31, 2018).



Colorado is vulnerable to drought cycles, and this past winter and spring have been exceptionally dry in both the mountains and the Front Range. Fortunately, area water agencies have planned for these conditions and most will be able to meet the challenge, including ACWWA.

In 2009, ACWWA's Board took advantage of both lower interest rates and construction costs when they

launched the ACWWA Flow Project. The ACWWA Flow Project is a water supply project, which upon full completion, will provide an annual average delivery of 4,400 acre-feet of renewable water to the ACWWA service area. This new water will supplement current water supplies, providing a secure and high-quality water source for current and future ACWWA customers.

Many of the components of the project are complete, including adjudication of the majority of water rights from the South Platte River Basin, the 1,400 acre-foot Chambers Reservoir, which will help to store water, acquisition of water treatment capacity in the East Cherry Creek Valley (ECCV) Water Treatment Plant, as well as water delivery capacity in the ECCV Northern Pipeline. ACWWA is working on the final phase of the interconnection main line which will bring water from ECCV to ACWWA's service area.

Water deliveries from the ACWWA Flow Project are of high quality and have already begun! Approximately one-third of ACWWA's total water supply now comes from this Project. The water delivery is blended with existing supplies and has improved the overall quality of water in the ACWWA system. ACWWA continues to work toward improving its water quality by blending its water sources, expanding its non-potable irrigation system, and modifying its operations. For more information on this project, go to www.acwwa.com and click on the ACWWA Flow Tab.

Why You Should Not Flush Expired Medicines



Please think twice before you dispose of your old medications down the drain or flush them down the toilet. You could be harming yourself, your children, wildlife or the water supply.

Q. In the past the public was encouraged to flush medications. What's changed?

A. People are becoming more aware of environmental safety and preservation. If we take a chemical and pour it down the sink or flush it down the toilet, it goes to the wastewater plant that was not designed to handle or destroy the chemical. This chemical will then pass through the treatment plant and be discharged into the environment.

Flushing your unwanted medications can affect aquatic life in our rivers and streams. The United States Geological Survey did a study that found low levels of drugs such as antibiotics, hormones, contraceptives and steroids in some rivers and streams tested.

Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program

This state funded program is now expanding with a goal of establishing at least one permanent collection location in every Colorado county. All locations can accept prescribed controlled substances along with over the counter medications. Below is the website for Arapahoe County's Drop Box.

<http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/1367/Drug-Drop-Box>

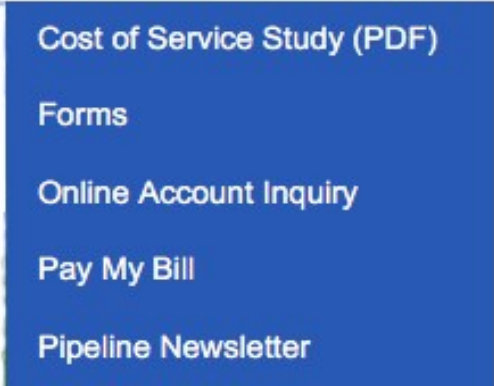


Have a billing address change? (**Change of Billing**) Want to add a tenant, property manager or family member to your account? (**Account Authorization**) Thinking of signing up for our automatic payment program? (**EFT Debit Authorization**)

ACWWA made filling out forms easier and faster by just a few clicks!



1. Hover over **Customer Resources** along the top of our homepage
2. Click on **Forms**
3. Choose from the list of **Account Forms**



After completing the form and clicking on the **Submit** button, your form will be sent to our email address for processing.

A confirmation email will be sent to your email address (if provided on the form).



For further information on forms, services and other programs available online, please contact a customer service representative at 303-790-4830

Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation

Due to the fairly dry winter and anticipated hot, dry summer, ACWWA is under Stage 2 mandatory water conservation measures with the following restrictions:

- Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or in-ground irrigation systems shall be limited to no more than three times per week watering schedules
 - ~ Odd number addresses may water: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
 - ~ Even number addresses may water: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday
- Outdoor watering is not permitted during mid-day, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 - ~ The prohibition does not apply to irrigation of landscaped areas if it is by means of a hand-held hose
- Any person who violates the restrictions is subject to additional charges and/or conditions to service
- Residents establishing a new turf planted on or after May 7, 2018 can contact ACWWA (contactus@acwwa.com) for a new turf variance that can be issued for a period of 30 days.

For additional information on restrictions on swimming pools, outdoor water features, ponds, etc, the full text of the plan can be found at <https://acwwa.com/DocumentCenter/View/230/Water-Conservation-Response-Plan-PDF> (located under the Water Efficiency Tab on acwwa.com)



Water Efficient Plantings (Many more ideas can be found at: <https://www.conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04NativeGarden-Front-Range-4-11-2016.pdf>)

Wine Cups Showy Red-purple flowers— Spring / Summer

Blue Flax Linum Lewisii —Beautiful sky-blue petals on wiry stems fall off in the afternoon and cover the ground like blue confetti. The next morning, new flowers bloom—Spring / Summer

Butterfly Milkweed Asclepias Tuberosa— Bright orange-yellow balls of flowers attract many species of bees and many different butterflies. Host plant for Monarch butterfly—Summer