

Metropolitan District Irrigation 2022

Owner Guide

The Metropolitan District is a quasi-governmental agency designed to manage community growth and operations. Among other things, our Metro District provides non-potable irrigation water that is environmentally friendly and economical for residents. The potable water used inside of your home is supplied by the Town of Windsor. The non-potable water used outside of your home is supplied by the Metro District.

Annual Irrigation Water Activation and Deactivation/Winterization

The non-potable water system is activated by Metro District staff in the spring and is winterized in the fall. The watering season is from April-October, weather dependent. Prior to irrigation activation, maintenance crews test the main water lines and chlorinate to sanitize the system. This chlorination process rids the system of algae, snails, build-up from the lake water. *Please note that the Metro District is not responsible for lawn or system damage because of open supply valves. Failure to properly close the supply valve may result in supply issues and fines.* The Metro District office will email owners to notify of irrigation water activation and deactivation. Please ensure that our office has the best email address on file, so you receive these important seasonal notifications.

Water Restrictions – Approved Watering Days

Approved watering days are determined by property address. Overwatering may result in damaged landscaping, drainage issues and overage fees.

6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Even Addresses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Odd Addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

NO WATERING ON SUNDAY

Fine Schedule for Water Violations

The District conducts routine inspections throughout the irrigation season. Violation fines are as follows:

1 st violation	Courtesy Notice
2 nd violation	\$25.00
3 rd violation	\$50.00
4 th violation, etc.	\$50.00

Other Important Reminders

- Be a Good Neighbor! Make every effort to avoid negatively impacting your neighbors.
- Your personal landscaper must be called first for any equipment failures on your property.
- Notify the Metro District office regarding District-related irrigation issues such as a broken meter, broken curb stop or issues with the main service line.
- Frequent filter cleanings are encouraged.
- Check your irrigation systems for breaks/leaks at least once or twice per month.
- Adjust your irrigation clocks in accordance with the weather conditions.
- Reduce or eliminate phosphorus use in fertilizer.
- Grass clippings, other debris or personal items may not be discarded over your fence, onto trails or common areas.

With questions, contact clientservices@advancehoa.com or 303-482-2213.

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Water Wise – Water x3 per Week

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Please watch this informative video about how and when to irrigate your lawn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erBc8zRE3Lo&t=5s>

Or search: Water Wise - Water Your Colorado Lawn 3 Times a Week

Match Sprinkler Output to Lawn's Needs

Your lawn does not require water every day. Your irrigation system should provide approximately 300 gallons of water per 1,000 sq. feet of turf - **3x per week**. Once you confirm how much water the lawn needs and rates in which the sprinklers apply water, you can calculate how long the sprinklers need to run. There are two (2) recommended methods for programming your irrigation clocks.

- 16-20 minutes total per night
- 8-10 minutes x2 per night

Check Your Irrigation System Regularly

Overwatering may result in damaged landscaping, drainage issues and overage fees. Save water by routinely adjusting the controller according to the weather and season. Better yet, operate the controller manually. Before watering, look for signs that the lawn needs to be watered. A dull bluish-gray color and footprints left on the grass are signals that it's time to water.

Turn on each zone for 5 minutes and observe any problems. To make repairs easier, write down or flag what you see. Contact an irrigation professional with any issues. If there is an issue with the water meter, curb stop or the main supply line call 303-482-2213 or for an after-hours emergency call 800-892-1423.

Watering Extension Permits

Additional irrigation watering outside of approved days is permitted on a case-by-case basis. Owners conducting repairs or who have newly installed landscaping are eligible for a watering extension. Email your request to: clientservices@advancehoa.com.



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How To Turn Supply Valve ON/OFF

The Metropolitan District provides the non-potable irrigation water to the community. The water is activated in the spring (mid-April) and is shut off for the season in the fall (mid-October), *weather permitting*.

Owners are responsible for turning the water supply valve ON (located in the meter pit) at the beginning of the irrigation season and for turning the supply valve OFF and winterizing the irrigation system at the end of each season. *Please note that the Metro District is not responsible for lawn or system damage because of open supply valves. Failure to properly close the supply valve may result in supply issues and fines.*

Below are instructions on how to turn the irrigation valve on or off:

- Non-potable water meters are located in the backyard under a round, plastic lid
- Remove lid and brush off any dirt or grass that may be on the mechanism
- Turn the water control valve on or off
 - The shut off valve in a meter pit is the gold metal knob as shown below.

Metered Units

Turn the Control Knob $\frac{1}{4}$ turn counterclockwise - **ON**

Turn the Control Knob $\frac{1}{4}$ turn clockwise - **OFF**

