



**Perry Park**  
Water & Sanitation District

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## Keeping Water Safe

As you might have read about in our April newsletter, we have developed a long-term capital improvement plan as to what infrastructure needs to be repaired, replaced, or added. To complete all of the originally proposed improvements required a budget of about \$16.63 million. Upon further review by the District's board, management, engineer, operations, and financial firm, the plan has been modified prioritizing the infrastructure needed today only, as opposed to including the infrastructure that will be necessary in ten to twenty years.

All of the projects in the original plan are still included in the long-term plan, with only the timeframes changed. The revised plan emphasizes the use of existing water supply, the current treatment capacity of facilities, and the replacement of mechanical components that are old and need replacement. While things like the waterline looping for redundant water supply and reducing pressure surges in the pipes are still on the five-year plan, projects like a new surface water treatment plant and water reservoir have moved into the future.

The Board's recent approval of a modified capital improvements plan requires no issuance of bonds or increase in property taxes. The approved plan financing will be paid for through new development tap fees and service revenues.

## Don't Forget!

Board Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm at the District's office. The public is always welcome.

## How Does Your Monthly Water Usage Compare?

For the months of May and June, the average Perry Park household consumed about 8,000 gallons per month. So for the two-month billing period, most households used 16,000 gallons of water for a cost of about \$26.68 per month for water usage.\*

*\*This does not include the monthly sewer fees or fixed based rates for water.*

## Waterline Breaks

Over the last 5 years, there have been several waterline breaks in the Perry Park area. These waterline (mains) breaks have occurred due to both ground movement and pressure surges.

When mains break, residents getting water from that line normally have their water shut off until the line can be repaired. These types of breaks require emergency repairs. These emergency repairs are increasingly more expensive to repair.

This is why the water line looping projects are part of the capital improvement projects plan. Water line looping allows for water to be provided to residents from another path as well as reduces the impacts of pressure surges which contribute to the volume of water main breaks.



## Never Drink Hot Water From the Tap!



The claim has the ring of a myth, however, environmental scientists say it is true. That's because hot water can dissolve more contaminants and leach lead out of older pipes, more quickly than cold water. It's also why recipes generally call for cold water, rather than hot, when cooking anything from oatmeal to soups.

In the most basic sense, when we turn on the cold water faucet we get a fresh surge of water. The hot water, however, is stored in hot water heaters, which are made of metal. When water is stored in the metal heater, it has the potential to pick up some of the minerals that accumulate in the heater. And even if it doesn't pick up minerals, it can pick up a metallic flavor.

Instant hot faucets, however, are a great way to reduce the boiling time of your water and since the water is stored in special polycarbonate jugs, it will not pick up any metallic flavors or minerals. So, unless you have an instant hot faucet - when it comes to drinking from the tap or cooking, reach for the cold water and keep the hot water for things like personal hygiene.

## Got Drugs?

Remember it's dangerous to throw your old and expired medications in the trash, flush them down the toilet or down the drain. Instead, please drop them off with a King Soopers' pharmaceutical drop-off or other authorized collection location. You can find a complete list of drop-off locations by visiting [www.DCSheriff.net](http://www.DCSheriff.net) and searching for pharmacy drop-off locations.



## Reminder!

An irrigation permit is required for all new irrigation and landscape designs. For the initial installation of your backflow prevention device or those who already have an irrigation permit, please remember to have your certified tester send the results of your backflow prevention assembly test to [ppwsd@comcast.net](mailto:ppwsd@comcast.net).

## PPWSD Payment Options

For your convenience, there are multiple bill payment options for our customers. You can pay by mail, drop your payment in the District's Drop Box, or you can pay in person during regular business hours. You can also sign up for Auto-Pay (electronic bill payment). For a nominal fee of \$5.95, you can also pay with a credit card using the District's website.

## About Our Governance

The Perry Park Water and Sanitation District (District) is a special district that is governed by its residents. Being a special district, it is a governmental entity that is not for profit and is not a business. All of the District's Board members are your neighbors because they are resident property owners. Thus they pay the same rates and taxes as everybody else. While they are paid a nominal fee per board meeting, they cannot be paid "in kind" or by cash more than \$1,200 annually (this increases to \$2,400 annually after January 1, 2018), as per Colorado special district laws. The Directors of the five-member Board are elected by the residents to staggered four-year terms and can serve up to two consecutive terms. Any one that permanently resides in or owns property within the District's boundaries and is a registered voter in Colorado, can be elected to serve on the District's Board.

## Stay in the Know

If you haven't done so already, register your email and phone number with us by visiting our website or calling us.



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