



# WATER NEWS

## Visit Our New Website



Be sure to check out our new evolving website where you can find all sorts of information about Perry Park's source water, water treatment plants, water quality reports (CCRs), understanding the bill, and FAQs.

On the home page, you can also register your email, so we can contact you should there be any important or emergency information about our water or wastewater services. Emails will be kept confidential and only used by the District.

## Protect Water Pipes from Freezing

It's been a relatively mild winter so far, but we can't count on it staying that way .... and well, it seems there's this problem with water — it expands as it freezes, then shrinks again as it thaws, causing stress and strain that can fracture pipes and do other damage. When pipes are exposed to temperatures below 32 degrees, even for a short period, the water inside can freeze. That's why you always want to take the following precautions to avoid the pipe fracturing or breaking.



- Even if pipes are indoors, any exposure to cold air could cause freezing. Make sure your pipes, crawl spaces and vents are closed off and/or well insulated against the cold air.
- Cold air can gush through even a small opening or crack. A bathroom or laundry room located above or next to a garage is particularly vulnerable ... and keeping that garage door closed can make a huge difference.
- Do you have bathroom pipes that run along an exterior wall? When the mercury plunges, think about opening a nearby door to bring warmer air to the pipe. In extremely cold weather, a fan will facilitate air circulation near the pipes — or you can use a portable heater on a temporary basis.
- Remember: If you leave home during the winter, leave your thermostat set to at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. You'll be glad you did!

## 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 October and November, the average Perry Park household consumed about 5,500 gallons per month. So for the two-month billing period, most households used 11,000 gallons of water for a cost of about \$12.78 per month for water usage.\*

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



## 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.

# Happy New Year!

## Save Energy - Save Water - Save Money



The water and energy use in your home are linked? It's true. In fact in most cases, electricity or gas is needed to heat water for showers, cooking or bathing. So the less hot water you use, the less energy is needed to heat the water. In addition, a lot of energy is needed in order to purify and pump water to your home. Energy is also needed to treat the wastewater that comes from your home. Thus part of your water and sewage bill is related to the cost of energy used. In other words, conserving water can reduce your energy use as well as your water bill!

## After the Flush



Where does it all go after we flush the toilet or pull the plug on the drain, and what's more, how does it safely find its way back into the environment? PHEW! Yes very few of us realize how complex the wastewater treatment processes are, how useful the byproducts, (i.e. irrigation of parks and golf courses) can be or what an amazing public service it has become. Treatment of wastewater is a relatively modern practice. While sewers carrying foul-smelling water were common in ancient Rome, it was not until the 19th century that cities began to understand the need to reduce the pollutants in the used water they were sending back into the environment. Since that time, the practice of wastewater collection and its treatment has made substantial engineering improvements, and many of our State and Federal regulations are now in place. Here in Perry Park our wastewater is treated at one of our two plants depending on the location of your home.

## What's the difference between bottled & tap water regulations?

That's a common question we get, so we're happy to answer it. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulate your tap water. Each year, as required by Federal Law, the District must perform an annual water quality test report that is called a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that is mailed to everyone in the community by July 1st of each year and can be viewed on our website at any time. Here in Perry Park we monitor the tap water's quality 24/7, 365 days a year.



Bottled waters, however, are considered to be a food, thus the U.S. Food and Drug Administration better known as the FDA regulate them. Because the FDA's experience over the years has shown that bottled water has a good safety record, bottled water companies generally are assigned low priority for inspection and are not as regulated as your local municipal water provider. It's also important to know that many bottled waters are bottled tap water. You can tell by checking the back of the bottle for the initials, "PTW" which stands for Public Tap Water.



## Anticipating Community Water Needs

To ensure we can continue to provide quality water and wastewater services, 365 days per year, 24/7, we always have to be planning into the future. That's why, in April of 2016, the Board adopted the Perry Park Water and Sanitation Comprehensive Water and Sewer Master Plan. The purpose of Plan is for the water and sanitation (wastewater) services we provide to meet the needs of our Customers for reliability, safety, quality of product and service, and to maximize the Customer's consumption of the District's renewable water resources. Under direction of your representative board, we are steadfast in not spending taxpayer's dollars too soon, or too late. So, with voter approval along the way (November 2017 election is anticipated), we will gradually upgrade the water system infrastructure, the wastewater system infrastructure and expand water storage for renewable water consumption and fire protection. We will continue to send you updates and post information on our website.

## About Us

The District is a governmental entity and is not a business for profit. Its purpose is to ensure safe and reliable drinking water is delivered and that sewer, (wastewater), is treated, released and used for renewable water augmentation 365 days a year, 24/7. We are governed by 5 community elected property owners. Learn more at [PPWSD.org](http://PPWSD.org).



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