







WATER NEWS

No PFAS Detected!

In our second round of sampling, we received confirmation that there was no PFAS detected in any of our wells! See <u>https://www.ppwsd.org/faqs/frequently-asked-questions-about-pfas/</u> for more information. We will continue to sample for PFAS and update the <u>ppwsd.org</u> website with results.

Achieve a Vibrant Landscape with Less Water

Due to its semi-arid climate, Perry Park's soil can often lack the water necessary to keep a lawn healthy. While regular watering may seem like a good idea to keep your lawn green and lush, this could easily have the opposite effect. Too much water can actually damage a lawn by causing water-logged soil and encouraging fungus to take root. Therefore, to keep your lawn healthy, you should only water when the lawn starts to look brown, or the soil feels dry.

For those who don't have a green thumb, or just want an easier way to care for their garden, opting for water-wise plants is the way to go. These hardy plants thrive in Colorado's semi-arid climate and don't need a lot of water to survive. They come in a variety of sizes and shapes, and often don't require as much upkeep as a typical lawn.

Outdoor Water Conservation Tips:

- Adjust lawn-watering times to water at night
- Replace grass with water-efficient plants
- Turn off irrigation systems when it's raining or windy
- · Use mulch around shrubs, trees and plants to conserve water



Stay in the Know

Make sure you don't miss out - stay informed by registering your contact information with us through our website. By doing this, we'll keep you up to date in the case of any water or wastewater emergencies or any other vital news. It's easy, just visit our website and register.

About PPWSD's Water Quality

Water quality is important to us, which is why our operators testing and treating of the drinking water happens every day, 365 days a year. At least twice a year we also test for metals and perform ten bacteriological samples per month. In addition, we are testing for emerging contaminants, such as PFAS, which are part of the EPA's and Colorado's health advisories. (For more information,



visit <u>https://www.ppwsd.org/faqs/frequently-asked-questions-about-pfas/</u>). We also test water quality at the faucets within a number of Perry Park homes on a scheduled basis. You can review the communities water quality, 24/7 on our website. What's important to know is the drinking water provided to the residents of Perry Park remains safe to drink.

This Year's Rate Changes

In 2016, we developed a long-term capital improvement plan to identify what water system infrastructure needs to be repaired, replaced, or added. In addition, we have encountered some new regulations for our wastewater treatment. Although we delayed some of the necessary expenses in 2022, infrastructure improvements have become essential, with some being required by the state's regulators. That's why in January of this year there were rate increases for both water and wastewater.

The rate increase for wastewater will go to fund the refurbishment and improvements to the 50-year-old Waucondah Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the Sageport WWTP. These upgrades are being mandated by the state's discharge permit monitoring compliance requirements. The recent rate increase helps maintain the community's water rights. Because water is a scarce commodity, it is crucial to maintain the community's renewable water rights, as its non-renewable waters from wells are slowly becoming less efficient to pump.

To learn more about the recent rate changes, please read/listen to the 12/2022 PPWSD public meeting minutes on our website. Also know everyone is welcome to attend any of our public board meetings.

Pipeline Ownership

PPWSD owns, operates, maintains, and repairs all the water and sewer (wastewater) main pipelines. These mains are the large pipelines usually located in the streets, which serve more than one residence or facility. The District is responsible for the water service pipelines from the main line up to the curb stop. From this point onward, the homeowner takes ownership of the water service pipelines to the residence. For the wastewater service pipelines, the homeowner is responsible from the house until the wastewater pipeline reaches the main wastewater intake pipeline. Therefore, any water leaks or wastewater backups, which occur in the property owners' pipelines are the homeowner's responsibility.

Why are Denver Water's Rates Less?

There are many factors to consider which impact water service costs per customer. This includes economies-of-scale and costs of the raw water. For example, Denver Water has about two-million customers, giving them more people who share in the expense of infrastructure, treatment, the cost of water, storage and delivery. Here in Perry Park, we have less than 2,000 residences and we provide both water and wastewater services.



About Us

The District is a quasigovernmental entity that collects property taxes and fees for its services. It is not a not-for-profit entity. Rather it was established to provide the Perry Park community safe and reliable drinking water and to treat, release and use wastewater for renewable water augmentation 365 days a year, 24/7. All of the District's Board members are property owners and/or residents of the community. Learn more at PPWSD.org.



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