



# Main Lines @ MCBWSD

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## NEW IRRIGATION REGULATIONS

Water irrigation and conservation is the name of the game this season, even with all the rain/snow we had in May. These are effective immediately.

Mt Crested Butte and Meridian Lake will begin this irrigation season with standard restrictions. If water consumption is excessive or dry conditions exist, irrigation could be restricted further. IF and when emergency restrictions become effective, a notice will be published in the CB News and listed on our website, [www.mcbwsd.com](http://www.mcbwsd.com).

These irrigation regulations will be strictly enforced.

### PERMITTED DAYS ONLY

EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES:  
**WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY**

ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES:  
**TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY**

PERMITTED TIMES ONLY:  
**BETWEEN 5:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
& 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM**



## WASTEWATER WORKERS

On April 19, 2015, Governor Hickenlooper proclaimed the period between April 19 - 25 each year to be **Wastewater Worker Recognition Week**. As wastewater treatment workers consistently work to improve the cleanliness of Colorado's streams, rivers and lakes; and protect the water and environment of this State. We are pleased to honor our WW workers:

**Bryan Burks, Supervisor  
Rob Houston - Robyn Zimmerman  
Mark Burke**

## WATER CONSERVATION DRAFT PLAN

The Final Draft of the Water Conservation plan of the Mt. CB Water & Sanitation District is complete. We are the first in this region to complete such an endeavor and look forward to implementing in future years. The Colorado Water Conservation Board awarded the District a grant to write the report and we are now entering into a public comment period. This plan addresses the District's existing water use characteristics, programs and deficiencies along with goals and strategies for water conservation and efficiency. This Plan will allow the District to intelligently move forward with policies and funding of projects for the future of Mt. CB and Meridian Lake.

The goal of the plan is to develop programs for efficient and sustainable water use. Before finalizing the Water Conservation Plan, the District welcomes comments from the public. The 60-day public review period begins May 22, 2015 through July 22, 2015. A complete draft copy will be available on our website, [www.mcbwsd.com](http://www.mcbwsd.com) or at the District's Office at 100 Gothic Road, Mt Crested Butte, CO for public review, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

All written comments are due prior to 4:30 pm, July 22, 2015. Comments can be dropped off or mailed to Mt Crested Butte Water & Sanitation, P.O. Box 5740, Mt Crested Butte, CO 81225-5740, or emailed to [info@mcbwsd.com](mailto:info@mcbwsd.com).

## 2015 Capital Projects

Here is a partial list of the capital projects the District is undertaking to keep up with regulations.

- 1) Meridian Lake Reservoir Dam Modifications and Outlet/Spillway Construction
- 2) East River Pump Station and Water Line Improvements
- 3) Wastewater Metal Limits Analysis
- 4) Wastewater Collection System Evaluation
- 5) Wastewater Ultra-Violet Redundancy
- 6) Upgrade two Water Systems SCADA
- 7) New Flowmeter at Pre-Sed Pond
- 8) New Wastewater Jet Truck
- 9) SewerLine Rapid Assessment Tool=SL-RAT
- 10) Upgrade Surge Suppression @ WW Plant
- 11) New UTV Toolcat
- 12) Paradise Road Water Line Analysis

# Main Lines



## HOW DO WE USE WATER?

Do you know the role water plays in your life and all the ways you use water? There are five main water uses. Look for the first and second uses in our previous issues. Here is the third.

### PROTECTING ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

Scenic & Environment Uses - In Western Colorado, we enjoy nature at its very best - and water is the key reason for our beautiful environment. Proper water management of streams, rivers and reservoirs has created natural areas that provide habitat for a variety of plants and animals.

Riparian habitats such as rivers, their banks, reservoirs and wetlands are used by 90% of the fish and wildlife on the Western Slope for drinking water, habitat and food sources. Colorado ensures that our fish and wildlife have some of the water they need through legally protected in-stream flow water rights, which is a legal right for water to remain in the stream

Flowing streams and rivers also add to the scenic beauty of our land. Water from the tiny high mountain streams that provide water for the delicate wildflowers to the powerful rivers that have carved the dramatic canyons.

Agricultural fields, peach trees and ranches set against our mountains provide for our beautiful scenery because of irrigation.

Good water management has provided us with great places to hike, fish camp, bike and watch wildlife.

Watch the September issue for the fourth water use.

## 10 Better Lawn Tips

- ADJUST YOUR EXPECTATIONS:** Lawn chemicals do work but fewer chemicals are better. If you reduce chemical use, accept the imperfections and don't expect the "golf course look".
- MOW REGULARLY:** Mowing is easy to put off, the grass will be there next week. The taller it gets, the more you cut off which "shocks" the grass and weakens the plant. Only remove 1/3 of the leaf blade.
- REMOVE THATCH:** It builds up on the lawn and virtually chokes it to death. Overwatered, over-fertilized and not aerated will cause the most thatch.
- ADD COMPOST:** Top dress your lawn with quality compost which can bring back depleted or damaged soil.
- RESEED:** Sow quality grass seed every year to help maintain good turf density which makes it difficult for weeds to take hold and grow.
- FERTILIZE JUST ENOUGH:** Your lawn requires food once in a while. There is no need to fertilize more than twice a year.
- WATER LESS:** One of biggest mistakes by owners is overusing the sprinkler system! Too much water is wasteful and bad for the grass. The less you water, the deeper the roots grow - a good thing.
- RAISE YOUR MOWER:** Taller grass is a healthier lawn. Tall grass shades the soil surface, keeps it from drying out, reduces watering needs and makes it harder for weeds to start.
- AERATE THE SOIL:** It's the single most important task you can perform to maintain a healthy lawn. Nothing else comes close. Aerate at least once a year, 2 or 3 times a year is best.
- TRIM TREES:** Grass is sun-hungry. Trimming trees gives it more sunlight, also improves air circulation which cools the lawn and reduces diseases. Remember - you can't have both deep shade and lush grass.

### 2014 Consumer Confidence Reports

CCR's are complete and posted to [www.mcbwsd.com](http://www.mcbwsd.com).  
There were no violations in 2014.

## HELP AVOID SEWER BACKUPS

Chances are, you haven't spent much time thinking about a sewer backup in your home, or the unpleasant task of the cleanup. Backups are costly, damaging, and can be prevented with just a bit of common sense. Ask any sanitation worker about the range of things that get flushed down the toilet or drain. Here is a list of items that should **NEVER** be put down a drain, sink or toilet. They might seem obvious, but all have been discovered to cause expensive, time consuming and nasty sewer backups. **DON'T FLUSH!**

Air Fresheners	Auto Fluids	Bacon Grease	Batteries	Bones	Bread Dough
Building Supplies	Butter, Oils & Fat	Cheese	Cigarettes	Cleaning Supplies	Coffee Grounds
Diapers	Dental Floss	Egg Shells	Glue	Medicine/Syringes	Paint
Paper Towels	Pesticides	Rags & Rocks	Cosmetics	Sponges	Wet Wipes
Cake Frosting/Candles	Food Solids	Houseplants	Jewelry	Poison	Styrofoam