

Dear Valued Customers,

As we prepare for the upcoming irrigation season, we wanted to provide you with important updates and information regarding the Evergreen Metropolitan District (EMD) operations and water supply conditions for 2024.

The EMD irrigation season will begin May 1st and extend until the end of October. Please be advised that should a Drought Level 2 be declared; penalty rates will be in effect without any grace period. We urge all customers and contractors to plan for landscape, garden, and tree planting decisions, considering potential water supply constraints. The shoulder months of summer are the best time for landscape projects.

As of the latest assessments, the upper Bear Creek Watershed, encompassing Evergreen, remains in non-drought conditions. Projections for the 2024 irrigation season suggest that drought conditions have low likelihood of occurring. According to NOAA's Spring Outlook, average precipitation is expected with slightly above average temperatures. Although we have seen an El Niño weather pattern this past winter and spring, about a quarter of the state of Colorado is in drought conditions. Currently Jefferson County is not included in these areas of drought and has above average snowpack going into this year's irrigation season. Please remember that weather conditions can change quickly to hot and dry for extended periods.

Throughout the season, we will continue to monitor streamflow readings and long-term weather forecasts. Any significant changes to the available water supply may necessitate the declaration of a drought response.

Your EMD bill consists of a base rate and a usage charge from the preceding month. Updates to the regular consumption rates and drought level rates are attached.

Please visit our website at <u>www.evergreenmetro.org</u> for water rates and other information on billing process, responsible usage, and drought updates. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact the Administration office at 303-674-4112.

Normal Consumption Rates Billed in 1000 gallons increments.



Tier	Minimum	Maximum	Rate
Tier 1	0	3,800	\$2.73 per 1k gallons
Tier 2	3,800	7,600	\$3.63 per 1k gallons
Tier 3	7,600	11,400	\$7.26 per 1k gallons
Tier 4	11,400	15,200	\$10.89 per 1k gallons
Tier 5	15,200	∞	\$14.52 per 1k gallons

Drought Level 2 Consumption Rates Billed in 1000 gallons increments.

Tier	Minimum	Maximum	Rate		
Tier 1	0	3,800	\$2.73 per 1k gallons		
Tier 2	3,800	7,600	\$3.63 per 1k gallons		
Tier 3	7,600	11,400	\$10.89 per 1k gallons		
Tier 4	11,400	15,200	\$16.35 per 1k gallons		
Tier 5	15,200	∞	\$21.78 per 1k gallons		

Drought Level 3 Consumption Rates Billed in 1000 gallons increments.

Tier	Minimum	Maximum	Rate		
Tier 1	0	3,800	\$3.63 per 1k gallons		
Tier 2	3,800	7,600	\$5.45 per 1k gallons		
Tier 3	7,600	11,400	\$21.78 per 1k gallons		
Tier 4	11,400	15,200	\$32.67 per 1k gallons		
Tier 5	15,200	∞	\$43.56 per 1k gallons		