



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 2025.

The EMD irrigation season will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and extend until the end of September. 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 abnormally dry conditions. Projections for the 2025 irrigation season suggest that drier than normal conditions have a likelihood of occurring, with potential of drought. According to NOAA's Spring Outlook, below average precipitation is expected with above average temperatures. This year we have a slightly 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 [www.evergreenmetro.org](http://www.evergreenmetro.org) for water rates and other information on billing processes, responsible usage, and drought updates. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact the Administration office at 303-674-4112.



## Amendments to Irrigation Rules and Regulations

### 1. 4.1.17 Prohibitions on Use of Water.

A. The wasteful use of water is prohibited. Wasteful use of water is defined as any of the following: (i) water flowing off the Licensed Premises from irrigation or other outdoor uses, or (ii) water flowing from unrepaired breaks or leaks in a Water Service Line, irrigation system or other water fixture or equipment malfunction

Any violation of this Section 4.1.17 that is not discontinued, abated or repaired within 10 days delivery of written notice to the Licensed Premises shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Appendix C 4.1g of these Regulations.

B. During the outdoor irrigation period commencing May 1 and ending September 30 of each year, outdoor irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., unless (i) a daytime watering permit for establishment or repair of vegetation has been issued by the District, or (ii) an exemption set forth below is applicable. Daytime watering permit exemptions are as follows:

1. Maintenance of irrigation system, including personal observation of operating irrigation zones for limited time periods to confirm proper functioning;
2. Hand watering of landscape material and plants, including watering by hand-held hose with a shut-off valve or water-conserving devices, such as drip, trickle, micro spray, deep root application or watering can; and
3. Car washing, by hose with a shut-off device.

C. Any Non-residential irrigation system shall be equipped with rain-sensing shut-off devices.

### 2. Section C.4.1.g as follows:

g. For any violation of Section 4.1.17 of the Regulations, a penalty as follows: (i) first violation, only warning of possible penalty; (ii) second violation, a penalty of \$100; (iii) third violation, a penalty of \$200; (iv) fourth violation, a penalty of \$500; and any violation thereafter, discontinuance of water service until the cause of the Customer's violation has been repaired or abated to the satisfaction of the Manager.