

EVERGREEN METRO DISTRICT

WINTER WATER SEASON

Effective Date: November 16, 2018

The EMD winter water season begins at the end of October and ends at the beginning of May, which is the start of the irrigation season.

Your Evergreen Metro District bill is comprised of both a flat fee (base rate) and a usage charge.

- The District bills water used from the prior month.
- Each customer is billed at a rate of \$2.90 per thousand gallons of water used, up to 14,000 gallons, per tap equivalent.
- Residential accounts have one tap equivalent.
- All water used over 14,000 gallons each cycle is billed at a higher tiered level.
- The drought penalty rate for higher tiered billing is \$15 per thousand gallons used over 14,000.

For a complete listing of District water rates please visit our website at www.evergreenmetro.org. For an explanation of the billing process please call the Administration office at 303-674-4112.

For 2018/2019 winter season this means:

With the onset of the winter water season the drought level 2 penalty rate will be removed and the additional usage rate will be returned to \$5 per thousand gallons used over 14,000. This higher tier rate change will be reflected on the billing statement you receive in December, for your November water usage.

While the irrigation season is at a close, the Upper Bear Creek Watershed remains in drought condition. A lack of adequate precipitation during the 2018 water year is cause for concern entering the snow season. The end of water year data report for the Natural Resources Conservation Service SNOTEL site located in the upper watershed shows the total precipitation for 2018 was only 62% of average. The U.S. Drought Monitor shows the Upper Bear Creek Watershed to be in an Abnormally Dry condition. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center shows for Colorado a 3-month outlook of a probability of higher than normal temperatures. The model also shows a probability of lower than normal precipitation outlook for the next three months. It is an important reminder to all that any snow accumulation during the 2018/2019 winter months of less than average will adversely impact the available water supply in the upper basin going into the 2019 spring and summer months. Evergreen Metro District will continue to monitor weather forecasts and long-range precipitation models. The District will inform all customers of the outlook going into the spring of 2019.

Background Information:

Stay current with the latest information, including watering restrictions, by following us on Facebook (Evergreen Metropolitan District) or checking out our website. For more information about drought conditions and water precipitation check out www.water.weather.gov.