

Denver Water

2004 Spring/Summer Water Use Rules

All Customers

No watering on Monday or between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. except for certain exemptions for those on water budgets.

Trees and shrubs may be watered by a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation* on assigned watering days but not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Flowers and vegetables may be watered with a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation on any day except Monday and not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Washing driveways and sidewalks is prohibited except for health or safety.

Fountains, waterfalls and ponds may not be operated if water is sprayed into the air.

Outdoor misting devices may not be operated.

Single Family Residence

Lawn watering is permitted two days each week for an average of 15 minutes per each irrigation zone (or sprinkler head placement). There is no limit on number of zones.

Lawns at odd numbered addresses may be watered on Saturday and Wednesday.

Lawns at even numbered addresses may be watered on Sunday and Thursday.

Swimming pools may be filled but must be operated with [Best Management Practices](#).*

Personal vehicles may be washed at the owner's home on any day but Monday, with a bucket or with a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, but not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Businesses, Government, Home Owners Associations and Apartments

Sprinkler watering is permitted on Tuesdays and Fridays for an average of 15 minutes per zone, with no limit on number of zones per tap, but not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Fleet vehicles may be washed no more often than once per week with equipment or at a car wash certified by Denver Water.

Commercial car washes must be certified by Denver Water or in the process of being certified.

Power washing as an essential element of a business may be performed on any day or time of day but only with Denver Water certified high efficiency equipment so long as water waste* does not occur.

Restaurants (pdf) shall not serve water except at the request of the customer and must comply with Denver Water's [signage program](#).

Hotels shall not change sheets more often than every four days for guests staying more than one night. Hotels must comply with Denver Water's signage program.

Construction water may be used with a valid Denver Water hydrant permit and Best Management Practices so long as there is no water waste.

Community Facilities

Golf courses may water on any day but not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (except for syringing of tee's and greens), subject to a water budget.*

Community parks and school playing fields may water on any day but not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., subject to a water budget.

Community swimming pools may be filled and operated with [Best Management Practices](#).

Community gardens may be watered with a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation on any day except Monday and not between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Enforcement

Drought monitors and Denver Water field personnel will be on patrol around the clock, seven days per week.

Fines for violating drought restrictions are \$250 for the second violation, \$500 for the third violation and \$1,000 for the fourth violation. Additional violations can result in a flow restrictor on the water line or an interruption in water service. A warning will be issued for the first violation. Additional charges or restriction or suspension of service may be imposed for water waste.

[Surcharges](#) will apply to water use above 18,000 gallons per billing period at a rate that increases with increasing use. Summer surcharges will begin to appear on bills issued July 1. Surcharges begin at 82 cents per thousand gallons, and increase over eight steps to a surcharge of \$12.25 per thousand gallons.