



Little Thompson Water District

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SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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2015 Water Quality Report

Learn more about the District's sources of water, water treatment and testing at www.ltwd.org.

Schedule a Free Sprinkler System Inspection

Appointments are limited. Call the **Center for Resource Conservation at 303-999-3824** to schedule your free appointment, compliments of Little Thompson Water District. Trained technicians will check your sprinkler devices, watering zones and schedule, then consult with you to improve the efficiency of your system. Your report is yours to keep.



District Manager's Message

Each spring, we plan for the upcoming irrigation season with current information on snowpack, the District's water supply storage and anticipated water demand. Although we watch long-range weather predictions, we know from years of experience that a cool, rainy spring can quickly change to a hot, dry summer with greater than expected water demand. Fortunately, our water supply is in great shape and we anticipate meeting our summer water needs for our customers.

Improvements to our distribution system continue to add service lines in new neighborhoods, replace aging pipes and coordinate pipe replacement when roads are being improved in the communities we serve. Warm weather construction projects throughout the District are underway--or will be in the coming weeks. New pipes not only expand our system where it's needed but also help maintain reliable delivery of water throughout our service area. We realize that construction can be disruptive and appreciate your patience while we complete the work.



The above depicts two homes being built in the Barefoot Lakes Subdivision (located SE of Hwy 66 and I-25)

Planning for warm weather also includes focus on conserving water. Again this year, we're happy to offer annual sprinkler system inspections to our customers. Through our collaboration with **The Center for ReSource Conservation**, our customers can schedule a free sprinkler system inspection to help improve the efficiency of sprinkler systems, saving both water and money on your water bills. We also encourage you to learn more about the benefits of soil amendment and low-water use plants.

As a community water provider, we take our responsibility to serve our customers with reliable, high-quality water seriously. For additional information, call 970-532-2096.

Jim Hibbard, District Manager

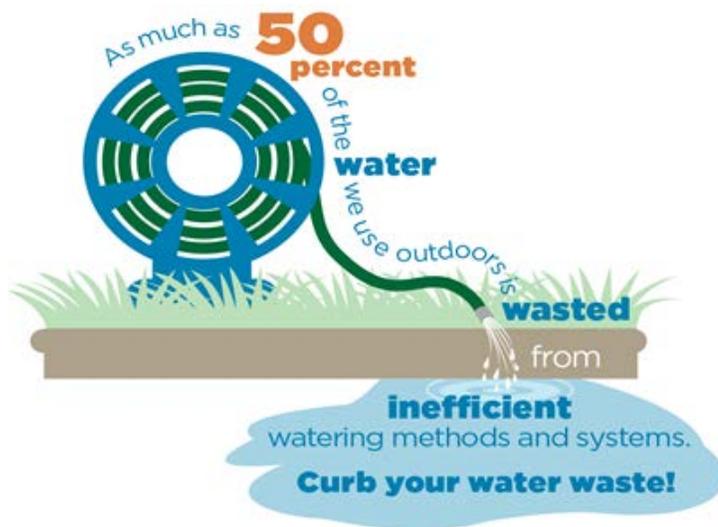
Hard-Working Landscapes

Our lawns, trees, shrubs and gardens provide cooling shade, beauty and delicious fruit and vegetables, along with the enjoyment of creating a pleasing landscape. Whether your landscape reflects a minimalist approach or a picture-perfect design, you can improve its resiliency during hot, dry spells with some planning in advance.

Before you plant seeds, seedlings, new shrubs or trees, consider the benefits of amending the soil to improve water retention. Soil amendment offers more than water conservation, improving root growth and helping plants thrive. When you amend your soil, you are following one of the key principles of Xeriscaping, a popular practice for creating landscapes.

Choose plants that are cultivated for our dry climate to help assure your landscaping efforts are successful. This year, the District is joining with the Plant Select™ collaboration to encourage use of a wide range of plants developed for our Front Range soil and weather conditions. Visit www.plantselect.org to learn more.

Your irrigation system helps your landscapes and turf areas work harder too. Tune up your sprinkler system this summer with a free inspection. The ninety minutes needed for a sprinkler system inspection could result in water savings – and a lower water bill.



Summer Conservation Tips

- Avoid watering between 10:30 am and 5:30 pm.
- Water deep, 2 – 3 times a week, depending on the weather.
- Avoid watering hard surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways and landscape material.
- Amend your landscape soil and use mulch to reduce the need for water.
- Plant water-saving plants. We recommend the Plant Select™ brand, developed for our climate and soil conditions.

Little Thompson Water District Board Elections

Board elections were held on May 3, 2016 at the District office. Five of the seven-member board members were on the ballot. Four board members were up for re-election, and one new member was elected to fill a term-limited seat. Members elected to four-year terms include: Ward I, Diana Larsen (new board member); Ward V, Bob Acker and Ward VI, Paul Bukowski. Two board members were re-elected to serve two-year terms: Ward II, Ed Martens and Ward VII, Larry Brandt. Ward III board member, Bill Szmyd, and Ward IV board member, Peter Bridgeman, are currently serving four-year terms.

Board members are responsible for the oversight of District policies and operations. Board meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m., at the District office and are open to the public. The meeting schedule can be found on our website at www.ltwd.org.