



## WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS

Our District wants to encourage water conservation through these recommendations. For summer outside lawn watering, please follow these suggestions:

- *Water in the late evening or early morning to reduce wasting water through evaporation. Between 6:00 pm and 9:00 am will allow most of the water used to get to the roots of the plants.*
- *Use a timer on your hose to prevent overwatering. 15 minutes in each zone should sustain most grasses.*
- *Grass should only need to be watered 2 to 3 days a week. Overwatering is not good for the grass or the river.*
- *Cut your grass to be a minimum of 3" tall so that it won't burn easily and will prevent water from evaporating and not getting to the roots.*

### **Other water conservation recommendations are:**

- *If you wash a car in your driveway, install a nozzle on the hose.*
- *Limit shower time.*
- *Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth.*

Water is a limited resource and we appreciate anything that you can do to help conserve that resource.

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## SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

In 2005 the District started treating wastewater at the new combined treatment plant. This plant is a modern activated sludge treatment plant and is capable of discharging much cleaner water into the Fraser River. Unlike our old sewer lagoons, this type of treatment is much more impacted by ground water getting into the sewer lines (infiltration) and adding much colder

water to the treatment process. When too much cold water reaches the treatment plant, the treatment process is disrupted and we can't treat the wastewater to the standards that we are required to.

For years the District has been working diligently to stop all of the ground water leaking into their sewer lines and manholes, and this has resulted in lowering the levels of infiltration by a considerable amount. Each spring we are still receiving high levels of infiltration from sump pumps that drain the water from crawl spaces and are illegally piped into the sewer pipes. Our Rules and Regulations require that sump pumps be piped outside of the house and empty out onto your property away from any structures.

If you have a sump pump, please make sure that it is properly installed to drain outside and away from any structures. This will ensure that we can take care of the Fraser River by meeting our treatment requirements. Another benefit is lower treatment costs which are reflected in your quarterly service fees. If you suspect you have an illegally connected sump pump, please contact the District so we can help correct this situation.

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## HOT TUB AND SWIMMING POOL DISCHARGE

Recommendations from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on proper ways to empty a hot tub or swimming pool include:

- *Remove chlorine or other disinfection chemicals from water before emptying. Chemicals that will do this can be purchased at your local hot tub store.*
- *If you empty into the sanitary sewer lines, call the wastewater treatment plant first to get their permission. In our District, the treatment plant phone number is (970) 726-9621.*
- *Emptying the de-chlorinated water out onto the ground is also a legal way to drain your hot tub or swimming pool but you must make sure that the water does not damage your property or your neighbor's.*