



Voluntary Outdoor Water Restrictions Are Now in Effect!

As of late March 2018, Ouray County and Southwest Colorado are classified as being in Extreme Drought. We are starting early with voluntary water restrictions (below) and anticipate increased water restrictions as the summer season nears. We are beginning the season by using a significantly reduced amount of water for our public parks and streetscape trees and plantings. We are monitoring the Ridgway water supply and use very closely. We use untreated water for all of our parks and streetscape landscaping, which saves in both energy use and cost.

Please Remember:

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No irrigating between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays.

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Properties located on the south side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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Properties located on the north side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Resolution No. 18-06

**Resolution of the Town Council of Ridgway, Colorado
Ratifying the Town of Ridgway Water Conservation and Management Plan**

WHEREAS, the water supply for the Town of Ridgway is a precious, valuable and critical resource for the Ridgway community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, State of Colorado and the United States have seen periods of drought that significantly impact the local water supply, threatening the health, safety and welfare of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to be proactive in communicating with the Ridgway community and water users of town-supplied water regarding the water conservation efforts that will be employed and the timing of such water restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to conserve water in times of need to insure effective and safe delivery of water to the Ridgway community during all times, including in times of restricted or limited water supply and drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the Ridgway Water Conservation and Management Plan as defined herein is ratified.

Water Conservation and Management Plan

Stage	Trigger Condition	Actions
Stage I	Voluntary Restrictions: Statewide Drought Status (Begins May 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not apply to drip systems and use of hand-watering containers. • No irrigating between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays. • Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. • Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. • Outreach on water use and fixing leaks, limited gardening, etc.
Stage II	Mandatory Restrictions: Demand exceeds system capacity (water from the town storage reservoir is the only source)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays. • Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays. • Town Parks irrigation limited to the same as properties north and south of Highway 62.
Stage III	Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage I and Stage II actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all Stage II curtailments plus: • Water Waste Ordinance activated, including emergency rate structure reducing base water use allocation and increasing cost of water (may require more frequent meter readings – 2x month – for use and leak detection). • Largest outdoor water users significantly curtailed. • Restaurants only serve water upon customer request.

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Stage IV	Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage III actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all Stage III curtailments plus: • Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. • Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month • Town Parks irrigation limited to the same as all properties north and south of Highway 62.
Stage V	Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage IV actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all Stage IV curtailments plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No outdoor irrigation. ○ No car washing, pond, or pool filling. ○ No sidewalk washing. ○ No use of potable water in water features (e.g., fountains).
Stage VI	Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage V actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all Stage V curtailments plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow no new connections to system until fall or relief from drought. ○ Contact largest commercial/industrial customers and meet to develop a plan to reduce indoor consumption by 30%.

Enforcement

Enforcement of this Water Conservation and Management Plan is per the Ridgway Municipal Code (RMC) and other enforcement provisions for the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to **RMC Section 2-4: Administrative Enforcement of the Ridgway Municipal Code:**

Under the existing Code Section for Administrative Enforcement, the general process, in part, is as follows, and is only provided here to provide notice to the Ridgway Community:

First Violation – Optional Verbal or written notice, or written Notice of Violation

Second Violation – written Notice of Violation

Third Violation – Administrative Citation pursuant to RMC 2-4-13

RMC 2-4-13:

(B) If the responsible party fails to correct the violation cited, commits the same violations again, or fails to correct a violation as specified in accordance with an administrative enforcement order of the AHO, subsequent administrative citations may be issued for violations of the same code section. The penalties assessed for each administrative citation issued for violations of the same code section or sections shall not exceed the following amounts regardless of the number of violations per citation:

- (1) *First administrative citation: one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150.00).*
- (2) *Second administrative citation: five hundred dollars (\$500.00).*
- (3) *Third and each subsequent administrative citation: nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$999.00).*

(C) Payment of the penalty shall not excuse the failure to correct the violations nor shall it bar further enforcement action by the Town.

In addition, pursuant to **RMC 9-1-3: Limitations on the Use of the Water and Sewer System**, the following may be pursued:

RMC 9-1-3, in part:

(B) The Mayor may promulgate emergency regulations restricting the use of Town water for irrigation or other uses subject to confirmation or amendment by the Town Council.

(C) The Town Council may declare by resolution a moratorium on taps or line extensions for the entire water or sewer systems or any part of them at any time due to limitations on system capacity or other circumstances which require such action.

(D) The Town shall have the right to temporarily interrupt service without notice for the purpose of making repairs, taps, extensions or for other reasons as necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems. If practical, reasonable notice shall be given to the customer.

(E) No customer located outside of the corporate limits of the Town may significantly increase the amount or degree of his use of Town water or sewer service beyond the extent of his use at the effective date of this Section.

(F) The Town Council may set regulations governing the use of water for irrigation and sprinkling by resolution.

Other Ridgway Municipal Code provisions may apply.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April 2018.

ATTEST

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

Pam Kraft, MMC,
Town Clerk

John Clark,
Mayor