

NOTICE OF WATER RESTRICTION

At our July 19, 2012 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District decided to put a restriction on the watering of lawns. With the drought conditions we are experiencing, and the possibility that this may be the first of several years of drought conditions, we feel that it is time to become proactive in keeping water in our storage tanks and in the aquifer that supplies our water. This restriction goes beyond our Rules and Regulations, Section 7 2b that states "Watering of lawns and landscaping is limited to handheld devices". **No watering of lawns by any means will be allowed, effective immediately.**

Water that is used for our lawns and landscaping is the same water that is used for your daily consumption within your homes. It has been treated according to State regulations at considerable expense to all of us. Your lawn is resilient. To quote Master Gardener Deb Babcock in a July 1, 2012 article in the Steamboat Today "One thing to know about our cool-season grasses here in the mountains is that they can handle weather extremes. When there isn't enough rainfall or irrigation to keep the grass lush and green, lawns will simply go dormant. That means they will lose their green coloring and become more the hue of yellow straw. But it doesn't mean the grass is dying or dead. It's just waiting until the fall or winter, when cooler weather and rainfall will rejuvenate it. It would take a really severe drought to kill most grasses."

This restriction will remain in effect until drought conditions are alleviated. Failure to comply will result in one or more of the following actions: an initial warning, assessment of a \$100.00 fine for the next occurrence and a \$200 per subsequent occurrence, turning off water to the premises, filing of a lien against the property for all unpaid fees and fines.

We can be proud that so many homeowners in our District are acting responsibly in keeping lawns and landscaping to a minimum. You are helping to conserve our precious water and keeping down the cost of water treatment. Please feel free to contact one of our Board members if you have questions, concerns or would like to report a violation.

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We do have a vacancy on the Board and welcome qualified property owners to join us.