



Mountain Regional Water  
Special Service District

# DISTRICT NEWS

Fall Newsletter 2021

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## THANK YOU!

To all of our customers for reducing outdoor watering this summer. The District appreciates your efforts in helping us to conserve water.

### WINTERIZE YOUR IRRIGATION



#### 1. Insulate your system:

Shut off the water supply to the irrigation system. The main shut off valve for your irrigation system needs to be protected against freezing. Make sure it is wrapped with insulation (foam insulation tape and/or a plastic bag) to protect it from harsh winter temperatures and prevent it from freezing. If you do not have a main shut off valve, you might consider installing one as a preventative investment. Also, any above ground piping needs to be insulated. Self-sticking foam-insulating tape or foam insulating tubes commonly found at home supply stores are fine.



#### 2. Drain the pipes:

Remove the water from the pipes and sprinklers so that it won't freeze/expand and break the pipe.



#### 3. Protect valves & backflow preventers:

Insulate backflow preventers and valves if they are above ground. You can also use insulation tape for this. Be sure not to block the air vents and drain outlets on backflow preventers.



## Imagine a Day Without Water

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Today, we Imagine a Day Without Water. It's a day to learn where your water comes from and where it goes.

- Turn on the tap, and clean water flows out. Flush the toilet, and dirty water goes away.
- When you have reliable water service, you don't have to think about the infrastructure that brings water to your home or business and returns it safely to the environment—but we should.
- On Imagine a Day Without Water, we ask everyone to consider what their day would be like if they couldn't turn on the tap and get clean drinking water, or if you flushed the toilet and wastewater didn't go anywhere. What would that day be like?

### INDOOR CONSERVATION TIPS



#### REUSE COOKING WATER:

Consider watering your plants with the water left over from cooked pasta and vegetables. The extra nutrients can help plants grow better.



#### FIX ALL DRIPS:

On average, leaks make up about 14% of all indoor water use. If your faucet is NOT dripping, you'll save about 3 gallons of water by turning it off while brushing your teeth.



#### KITCHEN TIPS:

You'll use far less water by filling your sink to rinse vegetables, pan and dishes than by just letting the water run.



#### LOAD IT FULL:

The more dishes you get into the dishwasher per load, the more efficient your water use.



#### BATHROOM TIPS:

Showering 1 minute less everyday will save up to 1,875 gallons of water each year. While a five-minute shower uses 12 to 25 gallons, a full tub requires about 70 gallons.



#### UPGRADE YOUR TOILETS:

New models use 1.28 gal per flush. Models prior to 1992 use 3.5 - 7 gallons per flush.



#### WASH FULL LOADS:

Laundry uses over 20% of all the water in your home.



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## DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO MY BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY DURING THE WINTER SEASON?

Yes. There are several things you can do to protect your assembly during the winter season. If your backflow preventer does suffer from freeze damage there is a chance that the unit will be unrepairable and will need to be replaced.

Replacement, as well as repairs, can be costly.

If there is no water in your backflow preventer or irrigation system, it will not freeze and expand. Consult your local irrigation contractor to professionally winterize your irrigation system. This detailed process will remove all water from the entire system, and sometimes even removes the backflow preventer as the system is shut-off for the winter. Just remember to re-install the backflow preventer each year as irrigation chemicals are some of the worst contaminants for the water supply.

A backflow cover is designed to protect backflow preventers from vandals and the weather. When the weather turns, a backflow cover will keep snow and rain off of your equipment. It can also prevent your backflow preventer from freezing in winter.



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