

GreenValleyRanch

Homeowners Association

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NEW “WATER-WISE” RULES IN EFFECT

Colorado Springs is located in a dry, semi-arid climate where water is a limited resource. As our population grows and the weather and climate become more unpredictable, the efficient use of water becomes increasingly important. Water we save today is much less expensive than finding new water sources. This is why Colorado Springs Utilities’ [Integrated Water Resource Plan](#) includes water efficiency as a source of future supply.



To further this effort, Utilities proposed new water-wise rules to City Council in 2019. Considered foundational water practices in Colorado, [water-wise rules](#) are intended to encourage the wise use of water every day. The new ordinance was passed in December 2019 and is now in effect.

1. Watering with sprinklers is limited to any three days of your choice per week.
 - a. From May 1-Oct. 15, sprinklers can’t be operated between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 - b. Allocation plans are available for those who need more watering schedule flexibility.
 - c. Drip irrigation, watering cans, and hose watering with a shut-off nozzle are allowed at any time.
2. Permits are required for Utilities customers who need to temporarily water more than three days a week to establish new landscapes.
3. Broken or leaking sprinkler systems are required to be fixed within 10 days.
4. Water runoff from irrigation flowing across the ground, street or sidewalk is prohibited.

These ordinance changes are expected to meet 10 percent of the efficiency goal outlined in the Integrated Water Resource Plan. This also aligns Colorado Springs with other Front Range cities.

Colorado Springs Utilities – an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs – has many [online resources](#) available for those interested in learning how to conserve water including [free water wise landscape workshops](#). Visit their site and navigate to the “Ways to Save” tab to learn more.

Source: <https://coloradosprings.gov/city-council/article/news/new-water-wise-rules-now-effect>



REMINDER: Low hanging tree limbs, bushes and shrubs that encroach on public sidewalks create hazards for those using the sidewalks to include potentially forcing pedestrians into the road to pass the obstruction. Please ensure vegetation on your property adjacent to sidewalks are properly trimmed to avoid these hazards.

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COVENANTS CORNER

If you plan to change the paint color or roof color at your residence you will need to get approval from the HOA prior to work commencing. The HOA Board continues to keep paint schemes in harmony with colors that currently exist within the community. Please have your colors reviewed before painting or roofing your home. No approval is necessary should you elect to paint your residence in the existing base color and trim.

Now is an exceptional time to trim your trees in the front yards. Tree trimming in front of your residence along sidewalk areas is the homeowners responsibility.

Section 120 of the Green Valley Ranch Covenants "Landscaping". Its that time of year to fertilize your lawns before the weeds come in. City of Colorado Springs is allowing residents to water their lawns up to three days per week. Lawn maintenance is important within our community and is required under the covenants.



Section 128 of the Green Valley Ranch Covenants state that "Trash Containers" are to be placed on the curb the day of pick up ONLY. Bears coming out of hibernation have been seen in our area in the past. For them to tip a container over for a free meal will not take much effort. Place your trash container out the day of pick up only. Please note this is a city ordinance and is required by the city. Violation of this ordinance could result in fines assessed by the city.

Section 135 of the Green Valley Ranch Covenants state that "No vehicles of any type shall be parked overnight on any street in the subdivision". Realizing this presents a problem when guests arrive, the GVRHOA Covenants Committee provides Overnight Parking Permits for a limited number of days throughout the year.

If a copy of the covenants or overnight parking permit is needed, please feel free to contact Jeff Voltattorni (GVRHOA CC Member) at 528-6248.

Jeff Voltattorni, GVRHOA Covenant Committee



Yard of the Month

June 2021

**Kevin and Lisa Powers
5745 Coachwood Trail**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We have a few neighborhood events coming up over the coming months. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to get out and see all of your neighborhood friends again.

Note: The Ice Cream Social was moved from June 19th to June 26th.

As the pandemic begins to dissipate and summer approaches, let's take the time to reach out to our neighbors and reconnect as a community. If you know someone that's new to the neighborhood, stop by and offer a welcoming hand. Exchange phone numbers and emails so you can stay in touch. The more we come together as a neighborhood, the stronger we'll be as a community.

Sincerely and with love,

Amber Perry

GVRHOA Social Committee



Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Social—June 26th

Potluck in the Park—July 24th

Community Garage Sale—August 7th

When Is the Best Time to Water Your Lawn?



Water is an essential part of a happy, healthy lawn. It's important, though, to make sure you water it properly. If you run a sprinkler at night, for example, it sets up the perfect conditions for disease to take hold.

Watering in the morning (before 10 a.m.) is the best time for your lawn; it's cooler and winds tend to be calmer so water can soak into the soil and be absorbed by the grass roots before it can evaporate. If you must water in the evening, try to do it around 6 p.m. which should give the

grass blades time to dry before nightfall. Most lawns need 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week. Place clean, empty tuna cans in different spots around the lawn and measure how long it takes to collect 1 to 1.5 inches of water in each can. That amount of water can be applied during multiple waterings during the week (not to exceed 3 days per week). Just be sure not to overwater your lawn.

Source: <https://www.scotts.com/en-us/library/lawn-care-basics/lawn-watering-tips>