

# Newsletter



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## Reading Your Meter

Whether it is checking your water usage, checking for leaks, or regular maintenance, knowing how to read your meter is helpful. Your meter is typically located next to your main water shut-off. The following chart will show the different symbols you may see on your meter and what they mean. If you do see that your meter is showing an issue or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

The display layout is shown in the figure below:



Info code	Icon/symbol	Meaning
FLOW		The three segments will switch on alternately, to indicate water flow in the meter
REVERSE FLOW		An arrow appears if there is reverse flow
LEAK		Symbol is flashing if the water has not been stagnant in the meter during the past 24 hours. This may be a sign of a leaky faucet or toilet.
BURST		Symbol is flashing if the water flow has exceeded a pre-programmed limit for a minimum of 30 minutes, which is a sign of a pipe breakage
DRY		Symbol is flashing if the meter is not water-filled
TAMPER		Icon appears by attempt of fraud. The meter is no longer valid for billing purposes
BATTERY		Icon appears when the expected capacity left is 6 months
ACTIVE METER INDICATION		A small flashing square indicates that the meter is active
METER ADJUSTMENT	<b>AB</b>	This info code will appear if the meter has been dismantled, tested and the basic flow measurement has been adjusted
RADIO OFF		Symbol is flashing if the meter is still in transport mode with the built-in radio transmitter turned off. The transmitter turns on automatically when the first ¼ gallon of water has run through the meter
VOLUME AND FLOW UNIT	<b>GPM Gal Lh m³</b>	Showing the configured volume unit. (Note! 'GPM' icon flashes continuously when the meter is set up to imperial gallon)

## Friendly Reminders!

The upcoming Board Meetings will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. Any changes will be announced on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#).

## Egg Carton Bee Craft

### You will need:

- Egg Carton
- Scissors
- Yellow Paint
- Googly Eyes
- Glue
- Black Yarn
- White Construction Paper
- Black Sharpie



### Instructions:

- Cut your egg carton into sections; you will need one section per bee
- Paint your egg carton section with yellow paint
- Make a small snip in the bottom, front edge of your painted egg carton; slip one end of a piece of black yarn into the slit
- Wrap the black yarn around your yellow bee body; make another small slit on the opposite, back end of your bee body and slip the end of your yarn into the slit to hold it in place; cut off any extra yarn
- Glue some googly eyes onto your bee's face and draw a mouth using a black marker
- Cut out some small wings from your white construction paper and glue on top of your bee

Project From: <https://buggyandbuddy.com/egg-carton-bee>

## How to Keep Your Lawn Lush and Green with Fertilizing Techniques that Save Water

As a homeowner, having a lush and green lawn is probably one of your top priorities. Not only does it add to the beauty of your home, but it also creates a welcoming environment for your family and visitors. However, keeping your lawn healthy can be challenging, especially when you live in a drought-prone area such as Colorado. Fortunately, by fertilizing your lawn, you can keep it green while saving water.

### Understanding the Basics of Lawn Fertilization

Fertilizing your lawn is the process of adding essential nutrients to the soil to promote healthy grass growth. The three primary nutrients that lawns need are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Nitrogen is responsible for promoting leaf and stem growth, phosphorus is essential for root development, and potassium helps improve the grass's overall health.

### Choosing the Right Fertilizer for Your Lawn

Choosing the right fertilizer for your lawn is crucial for promoting healthy grass growth and minimizing water usage. When selecting a fertilizer, consider the nutrients it contains, its release rate, and the application rate. Nitrogen is the most important nutrient for promoting healthy grass growth, and most fertilizers contain a high percentage of it. However, too much nitrogen can lead to excessive growth and the need for more water. To avoid this, choose a fertilizer with a slow-release nitrogen formulation. The application rate of the fertilizer is also essential. Applying too much fertilizer can lead to excessive growth, which requires more water, while applying too little can result in a weak and unhealthy lawn. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and measure the area of your lawn before applying the fertilizer.

### How to Fertilize Your Lawn for Optimal Water Savings

Fertilizing your lawn for optimal water savings involves applying the right amount of fertilizer at the right time. In general, it's best to fertilize your lawn in the spring and fall when the grass is actively growing. Avoid fertilizing during the summer months when the grass is dormant to prevent excessive growth. To minimize water usage, consider using a fertilizer that contains a wetting agent. Wetting agents help the soil absorb water more efficiently, reducing the need for frequent watering. Additionally, water your lawn deeply and infrequently to encourage deeper root growth and reduce water waste.

### Lawn Care Practices that Support Water Savings

In addition to fertilizing your lawn, there are other lawn care practices that can help you save water. These include:

- Mowing your lawn to the proper height: Cutting your grass too short can stress the plant and require more water. Aim to keep your grass at a height of 2-3 inches.
- Aerate your lawn: Aeration helps improve water absorption by breaking up compacted soil and allowing water and nutrients to penetrate deeper.
- Keep the clippings on your grass! The cut grass will break down and provide about 25% of the nutrients your lawn needs.
- Use a smart sprinkler controller. These controllers will look at local weather and adjust automatically to conditions and seasons.

Chris Sulewski / Field Supervisor

# Project Updates

## 1. Rehabilitation of wells:

- a. Two wells are scheduled yearly for Rehabilitation. This includes:
  - i. Pump, motor and pipe. (Completed every other rehab)
  - ii. "Scrubbing" the well shaft, chlorinate the shaft and replacing needed equipment.
- b. For 2026, wells 4 and 7 are scheduled for rehabilitation including pump and motor.

## 2. Enclosed Pump House 6 in Filing 14 off Keynes Drive

- a. Building is complete!

## 3. Curb Stop Project

- a. Using a GPS device that will help find your curb stops, sewer clean outs, and be able to locate your buried pipes
- b. All we need to do is stand over the curb stop and enter the GPS location. This takes just a few seconds.
- c. Your Curb stop is required to always be accessible per district rules.
  - i. We have found several buried under driveway extensions
  - ii. We may also be documenting the measurements

## 4. Equipment Storage Facility

- a. Building is complete!

## 5. Other Long Term Future Projects (estimated time to break ground)

- a. Well 13: Dawson Aquifer (2 Years)
  - i. Will increase water production
  - ii. Pending replacement plan that is required for all shallow aquifers
- b. Re-piping Pump house 1 and 2 to the filter station. (2 – 3 Years)
  - i. The older wells have odors and the filter station will help remove most of this.
- c. Lift Station Expansion (3 – 5 years)
  - i. This will allow more time to react, allowing better protection of the environment in a catastrophic failure.
- d. Extra Storage Tank (2 – 5 Years)
  - i. Required as we continue to build. Having more water on hand is always a good thing.
- e. We will be completing the engineering for each of these projects in 2026. This will allow us to know estimated cost, timelines to build, and address any legal issues that there may be.

**Community Dumpsters!** The Spring community dumpsters will be open May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>! Bring your water bill and your ID please! Details including times and what you may or may not dump will be posted on our website and Facebook page!

**We would love to see increased participation at the board meetings.** Please come to observe, add your input, and ask questions!

\*Meetings are normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5 pm. If you feel a better time would draw more attendance, we are very open to this. Come talk to the board!

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