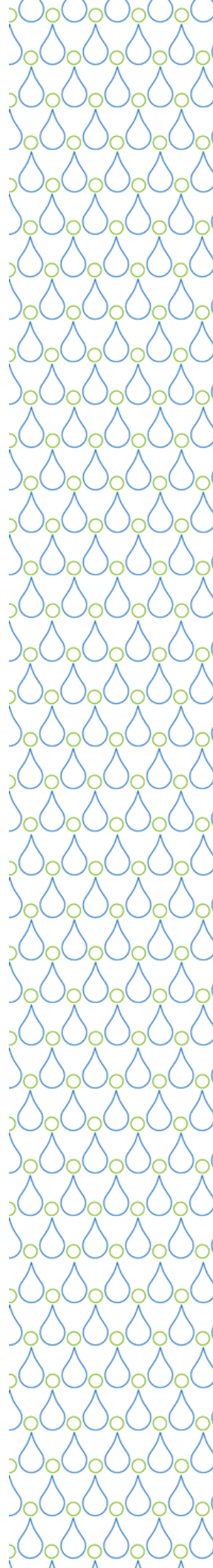




# RWAPA, CO Proposed Outdoor Watering Standards



## Proposed Outdoor Watering Standards for the Roaring Fork Watershed

The outdoor watering standards would apply to any residential or commercial customer receiving municipal water supply from the City of Aspen, Town of Basalt, Town of Carbondale, City of Glenwood Springs, Snowmass Water & Sanitation District, and Mid-Valley Metropolitan District. Residents, commercial, or industrial entities that have water rights to irrigate from well, raw, or ditch water are exempt from these standards but are encouraged to comply.

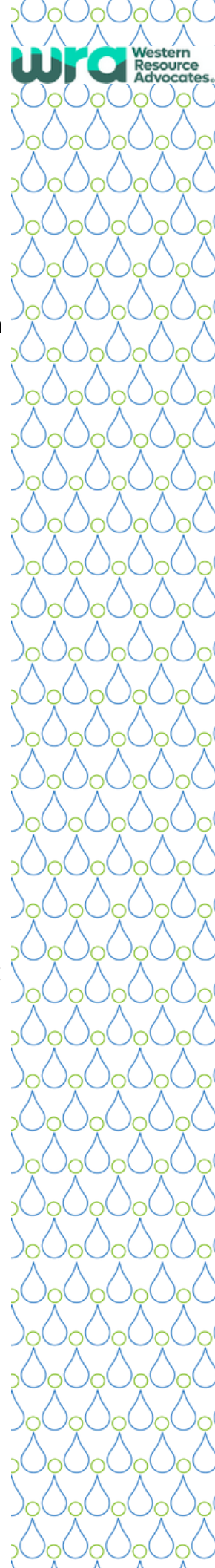
### Water Use Schedules

#### 1. Watering Schedules.

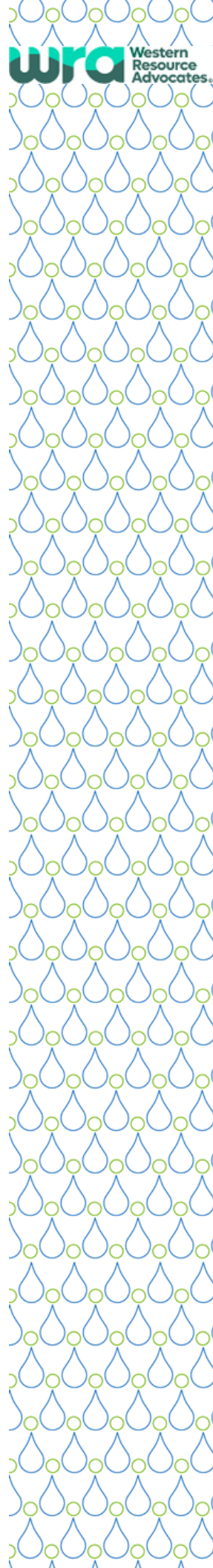
- a. Outdoor watering schedules shall be in effect year-round and are as follows:
  - i. No watering shall occur between the hours of 9am and 6pm.
  - ii. Customers whose property address (base number) ends in an odd number may irrigate outdoors on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays only.
  - iii. Customers whose property address (base number) ends in an even number (including 0) may irrigate outdoors on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only.
  - iv. No outside irrigation shall be allowed on Mondays.
  - v. In effect, a customer with an address ending in an odd number may only water on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays between the hours of 12am and 9am and/or between the hours of 6pm and 11:59pm. A customer with an address ending in an even number may only water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 12am and 9am and/or between the hours 6pm and 11:59pm.

#### 2. Exceptions.

- a. Outdoor watering by drip irrigation, or by hand using a watering can or hose with a shut-off nozzle, is permitted to water on any day, but encouraged to water in the mornings or evenings.
- b. Trees and edible crops may be watered as needed and appropriate.
- c. Outdoor watering of new lawns and landscaping for the first irrigation season after installation.



- i. The City/Town/District may issue not more than one exemption permit to a customer for the purpose of irrigation of newly installed landscaping, lawns and trees. The customer shall prominently display a copy of the exemption permit in the area to be irrigated. The exemption permit may authorize the customer to irrigate on an even-numbered or odd-numbered day which is not authorized and outside of the 6pm to 9am irrigation window as deemed necessary. The exemption permit shall be in effect for the irrigation season following the issuance of the permit.
- d. Outdoor watering of school property (including but not limited to, school athletic fields) is permitted to water on any day but encouraged to water in the mornings or evenings.
- e. Outdoor watering within the Town/City/District public parks is permitted to water on any day but encouraged to water in the mornings or evenings.
- f. Other water users with large properties to irrigate at City/Town/District discretion.
  - i. The City/Town/District may issue an exemption permit to a large water customer if it is determined that irrigating the given property within the mandated watering schedule is not feasible (i.e., properties with many irrigation zones that would otherwise not be able to sufficiently water in the specified timeframe) or not preferable due to water provider management of peak demand or distribution. The customer shall prominently display a copy of the exemption permit in the area to be irrigated. The exemption permit may authorize the customer to irrigate on an even-number or odd-numbered day which is not authorized and/or outside of the 6pm to 9am irrigation window as deemed necessary.
- g. Outdoor water use for snowmaking operations.
- h. Outdoor watering for the purpose of irrigation system repairs, maintenance, or auditing.

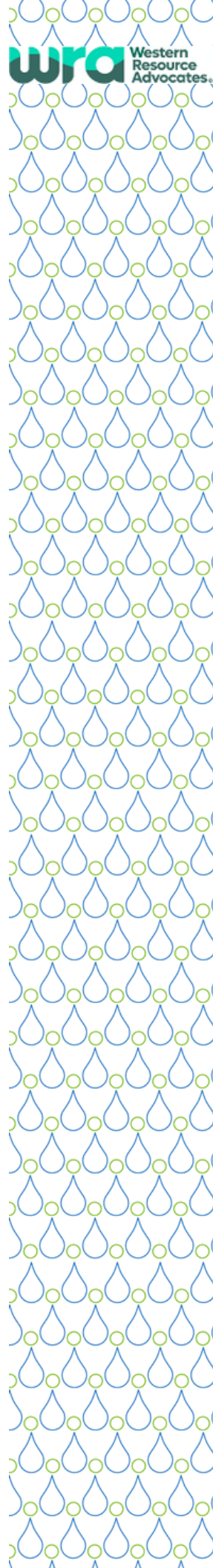


### 3. Water Shortage Curtailment.

- a. In the event of an emergency or if the Town/City/District determines water supplies may be insufficient to meet demands (including during times of drought, for fire suppression purposes, or other factors) the Town/City/District shall have the authority to enact stricter watering standards (i.e., reduced hours per day or reduced days per week). It is the customers' responsibility to abide by any additional watering standards that deviate from the baseline standards set forth above. Additional regulations may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following:
- i. Any and all outdoor water use;
  - ii. Car washing;
  - iii. High volume water users;
  - iv. New landscape installation;
  - v. Filling or refilling pools or water features;
  - vi. Hosing down driveways.

### 4. Violations and penalties.

- a. Any violation of the watering schedules set forth above (watering on the wrong day or time) shall result in the following penalties:
- i. First Violation: Written Warning
  - ii. Second Violation: \$100 fine
  - iii. Third Violation: \$250 fine
  - iv. Fourth Violation: \$500 fine
    1. After the fourth violation within a 12-month period from the date of the warning notice on the same premises, if continued violations of the set watering schedule occurs, the Town/City/District may disconnect the service where the violation occurred and/or the municipal court may impose such fines and penalties as is authorized; a fee of \$100 shall be paid for reconnection of service if occurred.
  - v. When the Town/City/District becomes aware of a violation of any provision of this Section, a written notice of the violation shall be mailed to the person who is regularly billed for water service to that property and mailed to any other person responsible for the violation or its correction. The notice shall describe the violation and order that it be corrected, cured, or abated immediately.
  - vi. After a notice of violation is given, each day of continued violation is a separate offense.
  - vii. Successive violations are determined per irrigation season, and not from year to year.
  - viii. Payment of penalties is due within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing the notice by the Town/City/District, unless a written appeal is filed with the Town/City/District within thirty (30) days.



## Changes Required to Coordinate Schedules Across RFW Providers

### Aspen:

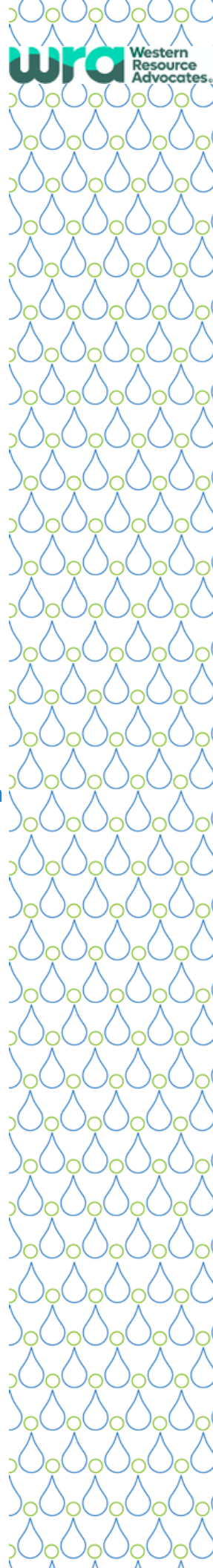
- Current restrictions:
  - Even properties: even days of month
  - Odd properties: odd days of month
  - Watering restricted: 9am – 5pm
- Changes required:
  - Even properties → Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
  - Odd properties → Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
  - Watering restricted → extend by 1 hour in the evening (from 5pm to 6pm)

### Basalt:

- Current restrictions:
  - Even properties: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
  - Odd properties: Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
  - Watering restricted: no time of day specified
- Changes required:
  - Even properties: none
  - Odd properties: none
  - Watering restricted → add in timing of day; 9am – 6pm.

### Glenwood Springs:

- Current restrictions:
  - Even properties: even days of month
  - Odd properties: odd days of month
  - Watering restricted: 10am – 6pm
- Changes required:
  - Even properties → Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
  - Odd properties → Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
  - Watering restricted → extend by 1 hour in the morning (from 10am to 9am)



### **Snowmass Water & Sanitation District:**

- Current restrictions:
  - North Zone and South Zone water on alternating days based on location of customer.
  - Watering restricted: 9am – 6pm
- Changes required:
  - Even properties (regardless of Zone) → Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
  - Odd properties (regardless of Zone) → Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
  - Watering restricted: no change on timing.

### **Carbondale:**

- Current restrictions (if enacted):
  - Even properties: even days of month
  - Odd properties: odd days of month
  - Watering restricted: 10am – 3pm
- Changes required: Need to enact standards for municipal customers
  - Even properties → Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
  - Odd properties → Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
  - Watering restricted → extend by 1 hour in the morning and 3 hours in the evening (from 10am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm)

### **Mid-Valley Metro District** *(Note: not a RWAPA Member Agency, but a RFW water provider)*

- Current restrictions (if enacted):
  - Even properties: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
  - Odd properties: Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays
  - Watering restricted: 10am – 5pm
- Changes required: Need to enact standards for municipal customers
  - Even properties: none
  - Odd properties: none
  - Watering restricted → extend by 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the evening (from 10am to 9am and from 5pm to 6pm)