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PLEASE READ: Mandatory Water Restrictions are now in Effect

Ridgway, CO – Mayor John Clark has promulgated mandatory water restrictions within the Town of Ridgway, effective immediately. The restrictions shall remain in effect until modified or revoked by further order of the Town Council.

With water consumption numbers up, with no rain in the immediate forecast, and with the Town's limited water supply this summer due to the <u>Beaver Creek</u> <u>Diversion Restoration Project</u>, Ridgway residents need to observe the Mandatory Water Restrictions outlined



below. The Mandatory Water Restrictions are described in the Town's Water Conservation and Management Plan, and shall remain in effect until modified or revoked by further order of the Town Council:

- No irrigating between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays.
- Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 & Hunter Parkway irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- Town Parks irrigation limited to the minimum needed to keep grass alive.

Everyone needs to do their part to use water wisely. Every drop is going to count toward a healthy and sustainable water supply. Nearly 50% of residential water use occurs outside your home. The good news is, it's easy to save water outdoors. To check out some easy tips for conserving water outdoors, click <u>HERE</u>.

Living at elevation, it can be tough to maintain proper water pressure in your sprinkler system. It can also be difficult to program your irrigation system to abide by the days and times listed in the Mandatory Water Restrictions. Thankfully, new technologies like smart controllers, pressure reducing sprinkler heads and rotary nozzles can help. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save thousands of gallons of water! Head to your local hardware store to explore your options.

For more information on the Mandatory Water Restrictions or the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project, please email <u>pneill@town.ridgway.co.us</u> or call 970-626-5308.

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