

PLEASE READ: Stage 3 Water Restrictions are now in Effect

Ridgway, CO – Mayor John Clark has promulgated **Stage III 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.

Water demand continues to exceed supply. For the time being, the Town has turned off the non-potable water supply to the Town's parks, including Hartwell Park and the Ridgway Athletic Park.

With water supplies dwindling fast, and with the Town continuing to navigate the impacts from the [Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project](#), Ridgway residents need to observe the Stage III Water Restrictions outlined below. These 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:

- Water Waste Ordinance activated.
- Largest outdoor water users significantly curtailed.
- 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.
- Restaurants only serve water upon customer request.

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 [HERE](#).

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 Stage III Water Restrictions or the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project, please email pneill@town.ridgway.co.us or call 970-626-5308.

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