

Ridgway Enacts Stage 1 Voluntary Water Restrictions

Ridgway, CO – With the Town of Ridgway working to restore the Beaver Creek Diversion, with the Town’s production records showing increasing water use, and with areas of Ouray County currently falling in the “Severe” and “Moderate” drought categories according to the U.S. Drought Portal, accessible at www.drought.gov, the Ridgway Town Council voted at their May 14th meeting to put Stage 1 Voluntary Water Restrictions into effect.



Here in the arid west, periodic droughts are a simple fact of life. Climate change and other factors may be contributing to more frequent and severe droughts. Thankfully, there are many things we can all do to help our community get through dry periods. 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 outdoor, click [HERE](#).

The Town Council has continually expressed a desire to conserve water in times of need to ensure effective and safe delivery of water to our community. The following Voluntary Water Restrictions, as described in the Town’s [Water Conservation and Management Plan](#), 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 and Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 and Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Please note that these voluntary restrictions do not apply to drip systems and use of hand-watering containers.

For more information on the Voluntary Water Restrictions, please email pneill@town.ridgway.co.us or call 970-626-5308. Let’s use water wisely this summer. Every drop will count toward a healthy and sustainable water supply!

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