

# RoxWater Update

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## Winterizing Your Pipes



When the weather turns cold – it's time to winterize. Be sure to turn off irrigation systems and blow out irrigation lines with air. Disconnect hoses and store them. Taking these steps will ensure a safe transition into the colder temperatures. Below are some tips on how to winterize water pipes:

- Protect pipes exposed to cold air with insulation wrap
- Seal any openings allowing cold air inside your home
- Properly shutdown the irrigation systems
- Remove, drain, and store all water hoses
- Keep your home temperature set to above 55 degrees

## Fall/Winter Watering Trees

This summer has been exceptionally warm, so your trees and shrubs might need an occasional drink of water throughout the fall and winter seasons. If temperatures are above 40 degrees and there's no snow on the ground, watering trees can even protect them from diseases and branch dieback.



You will want to water slowly, dispersing the flow of water to get the water deep down to the trees roots. According to the experts at CSU, deep watering trees to a depth of 12" inches below the soil surface is preferred. Saturate the soil around the tree within the "dripline" (the outer edges of the tree's branches) to disperse water down toward the roots.

For evergreens, water 3'-5' beyond the dripline on all sides of the tree. They also recommend to not dig holes in the ground in an effort to water deeply. To do so can dry out tree roots even more. A soil needle/deep root feeder attached to a hose is acceptable to insert into the ground if your soil is not too hard and compact.

## Stop Costly Toilet Leaks



The toilet is one of the most common water wasters, but its leaks tend to be less noticeable than faucet leaks. To determine if your toilet is leaking, look at the toilet bowl after the tank has stopped filling. If water is still running into the bowl, or if water can be heard running, your toilet is leaking.

Although water may not be seen or heard running, your toilet may have a silent leak. To test for a silent leak, drop a little food coloring into the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH.** Wait for about 10 minutes. If the food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a silent leak.

### Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 19th at 8am, in person or via Zoom.

See [www.roxwater.org](http://www.roxwater.org) for more information

Public Welcome.

## Streamline Payments



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## Transmission Main Construction Rampart Range Road

The new 24" water transmission main is currently being constructed in Rampart Range Road, and we'd like to thank everyone for your continued patience as we make these necessary infrastructure improvements. The District's 2020 Master Plan identified capacity limitations in the existing 12" transmission main in Rampart Range Road, so this project will ultimately replace an aging 50-year-old 12" water main with a new 24" water main, significantly increasing capacity to meet the community's water needs.

The 24" transmission main is planned to be completed and in service by mid-September. The eastern northbound lane of Rampart Range Road and other parts of the roadway impacted by this construction will then be repaved and opened to traffic by late September which will complete the Phase 1 work for this project.

After Phase 1 is completed, Phases 2 and 3 will commence to connect the branch lines from the new 24" transmission main to the existing distribution system. During Phases 2 and 3, traffic in Rampart Range Road will be shifted to the northbound lanes to allow the connection branches to be installed through the southbound lanes. Work will continue in Rampart Range Road for Phases 2 and 3 through October and there is the potential for additional night work to occur during these phases. Construction of all waterlines during Phases 2 and 3 as well as final paving of Rampart Range Road is expected to be complete by the end of October.

The following map shows the approximate work zone for each phase of this project. The traffic control configuration for Phases 2 and 3 is currently being coordinated with Douglas County. Please check the weekly updates provided on our website at [roxwater.org](http://roxwater.org) for more information on construction progress, upcoming work, and traffic control areas.



## Prevent Costly Sewer Backups

Don't be fooled as so-called "flushable" wipes, tissues and paper towels may flush down the toilet, but they often create a very real costly risk on your wastewater lines. Flushing anything but toilet paper can cause toilets to clog which can lead to costly sewer line backup. Eventually it can lead to a block in the District's sewer main in the street. Remember that you are responsible for all wastewater pipelines inside the home until it reaches the District's mains. So, we want to remind everyone that the only thing safe things to flush are human waste and toilet paper.

Never Flush:

- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Biodegradable wipes
- Flushable wipes
- Sanitary products
- Facial Tissues

## Don't Use DOXO.com To Pay Your Water Bill

RWSD has no relationship with DOXO.com and no ability to track your payments. Use Point & Pay, the secure online bill paying service. To access Point & Pay go to [roxwater.org](http://roxwater.org) and select the "Pay your Bill" button.

## We're in a Drought!

It's been a dry year! Here in the arid west, periodic droughts are a simple fact of life. Dry periods exacerbate our long-term water shortage. Less snowpack in the winter means less water to fill our reservoirs in the spring. We all need to make changes now to reduce our water use – and maintain those changes in the future.

As we enter into the fall season, here are some water saving tips to help our community get through dry periods.

- As you winterize your sprinkler system check for leaks and broken/mis-directed sprinkler heads by walking your yard and watching your system run.
- Add 3-4 inches of mulch to your soil to help retain vital moisture.
- Upgrade your toilet to a high-efficiency model that uses just 1.2 gallons per flush or less. RWSD offers toilet rebates! Go to [www.roxwater.org](http://www.roxwater.org) for more information.
- Keep an eye on your water use to catch hidden leaks and repair them immediately.

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