

OCTOBER 2017
4th QUARTER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everyone who participated in the lead and copper sampling! We appreciate your assistance.

Outside Watering and Augmentation Plan

Over the past couple of years, the District Board has communicated to our residents the specific rules and regulations of the District about outside watering... **it is simply not permitted (See Rules and Regulations on our website – Section 1.02 -** It is hereby declared that the water system of Brook Forest Water District is for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and related commercial uses. However, in order to provide a proper amount of water for the health and welfare of all the families in the Brook Forest Water District, no water shall be drawn from the District's sources through any garden hose or similar devise attached to the inside or outside plumbing of a building and no garden hose or similar device shall be left attached to the District water supply furnished to any building. These restrictions are not to apply to any firefighting devices. The water used by each user must be for health and sanitation purposes and not for irrigation, livestock watering, car washing, recreation, swimming pools or other non-essential use. [Amended September 10, 1996].)

Where does this rule come from, who started it? In the beginning when the District was formed, a Water Augmentation Plan (“Plan”) was created. A water augmentation plan is a court-approved plan, which is designed to protect existing water rights by replacing water used in a new project. Augmentation plans are usually required in areas where there is a shortage of water during part or all of the year. The District takes all the necessary steps to protect their resource through the appropriate usage of water by residents. Within this Plan, the District bought original water rights and water storage that they felt would be the most economical way for the District to be set up. If the plan were to be amended, opened up, the District could potentially loose the current water rights that they own.

It is not the Board that is restricting the use of the District’s water, but rather the District Board members adheres to what the Water Augmentation Plan legally states in the original document. If the District allowed for outside watering, at what cost would it be? A loss of water rights and sky rocketed water rates.

District water may be used for indoor use only.



50 Amazing Facts About Water – Sometimes Interesting – Sometimes Disturbing:

Brought to you by the ESP Water Products website www.espwaterproducts.com, we are going to share with you 50 amazing facts about water over the course of the next few issues of our newsletter – (1-5 can be found in our July 2017 Newsletter):

- 6. Most of the earth’s surface water is permanently frozen or salty.
- 7. If all the world’s water were fit into a gallon jug, the fresh water available for us to use would equal only about one tablespoon.
- 8. When water contains a lot of calcium and magnesium, it is called hard water. Hard water is not suited for all purposes water is normally used for.
- 9. An Acre of corn will give off 15,000 liters (4,000 gallons) of water per day in evaporation.
- 10. A small drip from a faucet can waste as much as 75 liters of water a day.

Late Fee and Rate Reminder:

Please be advised, at the June 2015 Board meeting the Board of Directors approved an increase in certain rates (see attached “Appendix A” of the District Rules and Regulations). The quarterly Water Service Charges (\$120) and Readiness-to-Serve fees (\$60) will remain the same, however please note the main change to the rates is how the **Late Fees** will be charged. Currently the cost of paying your quarterly invoice after the first 30 days of it being mailed to you is only a 1% monthly fee; however, beginning **JULY 1, 2015**, if a payment is made after the first month a \$20 late fee will be assessed and invoiced. If a quarterly invoice is not paid after an additional 30 days, a \$30 additional fee will be assessed and invoiced. If a payment is 90 days delinquent your water will be shut off and additional fees will be assessed. Please review “Appendix A” and if you have any billing questions please call our offices anytime.

The new rate structure has been put into place as a result of the number of outstanding customer account balances and late payment on customer accounts that the District has been experiencing.

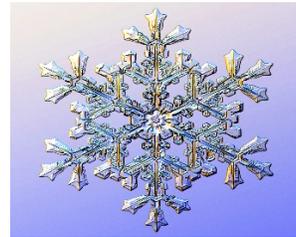
Please pay your invoices on time to avoid late fees or a possible water shut off.

District Website – Come check us out:

Come checkout our District website at www.brookforestwater.org. We post lots of publications that you will find helpful. Our Board minutes, Operator’s reports, financial statement audits are just a few documents you will find. In addition, on the home page you will find our meeting agenda’s, the current rates and any water shut off announcements. You will find the link to our online bill payment link on our homepage as well.

Snow Will Soon Arrive:

As we get closer to the snowy season here in Colorado, please be sure to clear your stop box from any snow over the next few months as it needs to be accessible to our System Operator in case it needs to be shut off or repaired.



Online Bill Payment Option:

There has been a lot of interest by our customers for the District to offer an online bill payment option. With the increase in late payment fees that will begin July 1, 2015, we will begin to offer online bill payment through our website approximately August 1, 2015. There will be a \$2.50 convenience fee that the customer will have to incur if you wish to pay online rather than to pay by check. The \$2.50 fee seems a lot less than getting assessed \$20 for late payment of your quarterly invoice.

Please note, you can now set up an account through the online billing service and set your payment to recur on a quarterly/monthly basis and not have to keep logging in every time you want to make a payment.



We now have a closed group on **Facebook**, please come and join the group so you can stay in the loop with various updates, especially water outages. Our Group:

Brook Forest Water District – Evergreen, CO

District Board Meetings:

Board meetings are always open to the public. They are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm and are held at the library of Buffalo Park Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Rd., Evergreen, CO 80439.

Thank you,

The Board of Directors,

Bill Weisenborn, President

Tony Langowski, Vice President

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