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**CENTENNIAL WATER RELAXES HIGHLANDS RANCH DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS**

As a result of lessening drought conditions, specifically more precipitation providing increased streamflows and lower demand for landscape irrigation water, the Centennial Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors adopted the following changes to its watering restrictions.

All changes are effective July 1.

The **mandatory** watering schedule is now a **voluntary** two-day per week watering schedule. However, all outdoor water use will still be prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., to minimize the effects of evaporation in the heat of the day. The suggested voluntary watering schedule remains as follows:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Single Family	Other Non-Residential	Multi-family, HOA, Non-Res., Other	Single Family	Single Family	Multi-family, HOA, Non-Res., Other	Single Family
Even Address			Odd Address	Even Address		Odd Address

No outdoor water use is allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The prohibition on new lawn installation has also been lifted. However, Centennial Water encourages customers to install lawns after September 1, as lawns installed in the fall require less water than lawns installed in the heat of the summer.

Regardless of these changes, Centennial Water strongly encourages customers to continue to conserve water. With the recent changes in the rate structure, all customers are provided a Water

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Budget for their billing period. The adopted rate structure has significant incremental rate tiers for excessive water use in excess of the allotted budget.

The Water Budget concept is a permanent change to the rates to encourage long-term conservation and to ensure that adequate funds are available to keep Highlands Ranch water systems well maintained. While the water rate structure with its Water Budget concept and incremental rate structure is permanent, the specific breakpoints in the tiers and the rates will be modified to reflect specific seasonal and water supply conditions.

The Centennial Water Board of Directors has scheduled consideration of adjustments to the rate structure at its August 22, 2003 board meeting. Among the possible adjustments are:

1. Reductions in the summertime incremental rates if the continued outdoor usage savings continue.
2. The development of reduced wintertime incremental rates that would reflect the predominantly indoor water usage that occurs during the winter months.
3. An adjustment for household population in the Water Budget and the corresponding impact on wastewater charges.

For more information about water and wastewater rates and how to manage your water consumption, please call Centennial Water at 303-791-0430 or visit [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org).

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