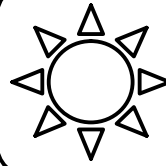


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Your Water Utility Information Source

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PRESCRIPTION DISPOSAL

Cherokee Metropolitan District



6250 Palmer Park Blvd  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday – Friday  
Office: 719-597-5080

[www.cherokeemetro.org](http://www.cherokeemetro.org)

Have a suggestion or question?

**Attend a Board Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. at the above address on:  
June 12, 2007  
July 10, 2007  
August 14, 2007  
September 11, 2007

Cherokee Ridge Golf Course



CHEROKEE RIDGE  
1850 Tuskegee Place  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915  
Pro Shop – 719-597-2637  
Starter – 719-597-2643  
Maintenance – 719-597-8386

Call for a tee time!  
or visit:

[www.cherokeeridgegolfcourse.com](http://www.cherokeeridgegolfcourse.com)



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

## XERISCAPE DEMO GARDEN GRAND OPENING JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide you with helpful conservation tools and information, we are proud to inaugurate our new Xeriscape Demo Garden. Join us on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at 10 a.m. for the grand opening barbeque and prize giveaway.

Designed and installed by Dreamscapes Custom Landscaping, the garden will be located at the west end of our building at 6250 Palmer Park Boulevard and will feature a variety of low-water plants and design techniques.

If you are unable to make the grand opening, be sure to visit the garden in the future to learn more about low-water landscaping. We would like to extend a special thanks to Dreamscapes Custom Landscaping for donating the materials and labor to complete this project.



### LOG ON AND LEARN!

Visit our new informational website, [www.cherokeemetro.org](http://www.cherokeemetro.org), to learn more about our services.

**Just for Kids!** Help Hydro by taking the EPA's fun interactive quiz to test your WaterSense on our website.

### PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

#### Wastewater Treatment Facility

The site application for this project has been approved by El Paso County.

Next up: Completion of the design phase. Stay tuned for the latest information regarding this and other projects.

## GETTING IT RIGHT!

### CLEAR ACCESS TO METERS ENSURES ACCURATE READS...AND BILLS

While a large percentage of the District now uses Electronic Read Transfer (ERT) Meters, which do not require manual reading, there are still many meters that must be physically read.

When reading these meters, employees often run into barriers that can prevent accurate read collections. "Locked fences, awkward gates and overgrown bushes are some of the problems we encounter," stated Meter Reader, Mike Corder.

Help us get an accurate read each month by locating the meter on your home and determining if it is easily accessible. Outside water meters are small boxes located on one side of the home.

We will continue to upgrade existing meters with new electronic meters. Until then, remember that clear access to meters ensures an accurate read, which translates to an accurate bill each month.

## CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION STATUS

STAGE	MONTHS	RESTRICTION	ODD ADDRESS DAY(S)	EVEN ADDRESS DAY(S)	TIME ALLOWED	WATERING TIMES	TREES FLOWERS GARDENS	CAR WASHING
2	April – October	Two days per week	Tuesday Saturday	Wednesday Sunday	Two hours	Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.	Yes (any day)	Yes (any day)

### WHAT'S 811?

**UTILITY LINE LOCATION IS NOW EASIER THAN EVER!**

Designated by the FCC, 811 is the new national N-11 number launched May 1, 2007, to eliminate multiple contact numbers nationwide. Before you dig, simply dial 811 to have utility lines located at your home or business free of charge. Log on to [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com) to learn more about underground utilities and safe digging practices.

### SPECIAL FEATURE: PROPER MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Before you flush old medications down the toilet, consider this: Drugs can kill helpful bacteria in septic systems and pass largely untouched through sewage treatment plants. Once through treatment plants, the drugs active ingredients will be discharged into the waterways in your community.

**Unwanted medications can be disposed of at the El Paso County Household Chemical Waste Collection Facility.** The facility is located at 3255 Akers Drive, which is west of Marksheffel Road and can be reached via Constitution Avenue. Medications must be taken out of containers and placed in a sealable zip-lock bag. Please call 520-7878 to schedule an appointment.



Another recommended disposal method is to throw them in the trash. Federal guidelines issued by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, advise consumers to **“take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and throw them in the trash.”**

Even better, they suggest mixing the medications with kitty litter or used coffee grounds and placing them in “impermeable, nondescript containers, such as empty jars, cans or sealable bags” before tossing them. This can help prevent accidental ingestion by children or pets.

For more information please visit:

[http://adm.elpasoco.com/environmental\\_services/solid\\_waste\\_management](http://adm.elpasoco.com/environmental_services/solid_waste_management)  
[www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/factsht/proper%5Fdisposal.html](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/factsht/proper%5Fdisposal.html)

### GRIFF'S YARD CARE TIPS

- If you haven't aerated and fertilized your yard yet, make sure it is done before the heat gets here.
- The threat of frost should be gone and flower beds can be turned over, weeded and planted.
- Check with your favorite garden center for weed control products for your lawn and gardens. Make sure that you buy broadleaf weed products for your lawn and then use a product that is safe for flower beds to kill the grass and weeds but not your flowers.
- Mulch is a good tool around trees, shrubs and flowers to help retain moisture and prevent weeds.
- When mowing your lawn, raise the cutting height to help conserve moisture in the root zone. Remember: The longer the leaf the longer the roots.

**Griff Rainford,  
Cherokee Ridge Superintendent**

### customer question: When can I perform maintenance on my sprinkler system?

*We would like you to try and make system repairs on your assigned watering days before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. However, we do realize this is not always possible. If you need to make a repair on a non-watering day please follow these guidelines:*

- Limit the time your system is running to 10 minutes or less
- Keep a visible presence while performing maintenance

