

Hawk Ridge and Hawk Ridge West

October 2, 2021

Dear Homeowners,

Annual water readings are due!

WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR METER READING BY Saturday October 23, 2021

Important reminders: Our report, by law, includes homeowners in Hawk Ridge and Hawk Ridge West; we cannot send in separate reports. We are required to report people who have exceeded their annual usage limit as well as those who do not provide an annual report; if you are a renter or a homeowner with renters, please make sure we get the reading for your property. If you would like to find your well permit number and the limits to which you agreed when you closed on your home, please go to <http://www.dwr.state.co.us/WellPermitSearch/>. If you are not the original owner of the home, please make sure that when you purchased your house the well permit was transferred to your name.

The Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) takes the following steps for homeowners that exceed the annual usage limit:

1. Households are notified by the DWR and must provide future monthly readings
2. The DWR goes out to the property and physically measures all irrigated areas, including ponds, pools, etc.
3. Legal action is taken by the Attorney General's office against the homeowners.

Each year we receive status letter back from the water commissioner documenting any action the state has taken with homeowners who have exceeded their individual well limits.

Here's how to read your meter:

1. Locate your meter. Most builders attach the meter where the water enters your home or near the water heater, usually in your basement.
2. Copy the numbers exactly as they appear on the meter from left to right. Include all zeros, even painted-on zeros.
3. Email your 7-digit meter reading to secretary@hawkridgehoa.com. Include your full name, address, and the date the reading was taken.

I will email your annual usage once all the readings have been submitted. I will attempt to contact non-reporting households twice by October 23, 2021. If no response, I will be marking them as "unresponsive" in the final report sent to the state.

Sincerely,

Renee Santilli, Secretary
Hawk Ridge HOA
secretary@hawkridgehoa.com

Great Divide Water Company is responsible for carrying out the water augmentation plan that was contracted when Hawk Ridge and Hawk Ridge West were initially developed. When we bought our homes, we received a copy of the State Water Decree for our development and agreed to abide by the state-mandated limits on water usage. When you or the original homeowner applied for a well permit, the state granted that permit and put either a .4 acre/foot (130,340 gallons/year on homes built before 1998) or .5 acre/foot (162,925 gallons/year on homes built after 1998 or for those who applied for and received a new permit) per year cap on how much water you can use. The builder installed this meter when your house was built. The purpose of our meters is to determine how much water each household uses each year. Those individual readings are compiled into a single report and filed with the Great Divide Water Company and the State Division of Water Resources. That report is then used to determine how much water must be returned into the stream system – augmentation. Because of the way the developer set up the original water decree, Hawk Ridge and Hawk Ridge West must send in a single report. Individuals may not send their readings in separately.