

PINERY PIPELINE AUGUST 2026

Please join us at our District Office for our monthly Board Meetings typically held at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 19th and Wednesday, September 16th.



From your Board of Directors

RAIN AND SNOW

The long-awaited summer monsoon appears to have finally begun for Colorado's front range. This is welcome news for those of us dealing with Pinery Water's Drought Stage 3 and Mandatory Restrictions. Let's hope Mother Nature keeps this up for a while! For long time Pinery residents, the summer monsoon is a welcome yearly visitor because it can offer relief from summer's hot and dry conditions. The technical name for this event is the North American Monsoon. We tend to associate monsoons with cyclones in countries like India, but our monsoon is simply a large-scale, seasonal reversal of winds. The jet stream shifts northward, allowing the transport of tropical moisture from the Gulf of California and the Gulf of America into Colorado.

During monsoon season, the heating of the day causes the development of showers and storms. "El Niño" and "La Niña" influence the strength and aerial extent of these rain events. These two terms refer to two opposing climate patterns in the Pacific Ocean that affect weather worldwide, called the El Niño-Southern Oscillation cycle or ENSO for short.

In a recent article in the SDA News (Special District Association of Colorado) Erin Walter, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Grand Junction, said meteorologists watch a specific region of the Pacific near the equator to determine if the water temperature is warmer or cooler than normal. If this region's water temperature is more than 0.9 degrees Fahrenheit (F) warmer than normal, an El Niño develops. If the temperature is 0.9 degrees F cooler than normal in this region, a La Niña occurs.

That is not a very large temperature difference, is it? Current water temperatures in this critical portion of the Pacific are almost 3.8 degrees F warmer than normal - a rare event called a "Super El Niño" which is expected to produce a wetter-than-average monsoon season in July, August, and September.

The good news about our monsoons is that they can provide relief to drought-stricken areas. The bad news? According to Russ Schumacher, a professor and climatologist at Colorado State University, "Monsoon rains just aren't nearly enough to fill up reservoirs or even bring them back up from really low levels."

Years of consecutive La Niña events have brought low snowpacks and wide-spread droughts to our state. The real hope for ending these conditions lies in the effect a super El Niño can have on winter weather. As Shannon Mullane stated in the SDA article I referenced earlier, "The amount of water that normally comes from a big winter snowstorm is much higher than the amount of water in an afternoon storm." Super El Niños can bring such snowstorms to Colorado.

In the meantime, we can take heart to know that our adherence to the Stage 3 restrictions is working. Spikes in summertime water demand have been reduced, and this has lessened the strain on our deep-water wells and production equipment. There are no current plans to implement further restrictions. Let's keep up the good work!



Chuck Hinson, Director, Pinery Water and Wastewater District

WATER CONSERVATION: WATER SMARTER, NOT MORE

August is often the warmest and driest month of the year, making it one of the most important times to use water efficiently. While lawns and landscapes may experience some heat stress, watering more often isn't always the answer. Healthy landscapes thrive when they receive the right amount of water at the right time.

Our **two-days-per-week watering schedule** is designed to provide enough water to maintain healthy landscapes while protecting our community's water resources. By limiting irrigation to assigned watering days, we reduce peak water demand and ensure our water supply is available when everyone needs it most.

To get the most from your two watering days:

- **Water before 8:00 a.m.** Cooler temperatures and lighter winds allow more water to soak into the soil instead of evaporating.
- **Water deeply rather than frequently.** Longer soak times encourage deeper root growth, making lawns and plants more drought-tolerant.
- **Inspect your irrigation system monthly.** Broken sprinkler heads, clogged nozzles, and overspray onto sidewalks or driveways can waste hundreds of gallons each week.
- **Don't water after a soaking rain.** Summer storms often provide enough moisture to delay your next irrigation cycle.
- **Adjust your sprinkler controller as the season changes.** As daylight hours shorten later in August, many landscapes require less water than they did in July.

Remember

A green lawn doesn't necessarily require more watering days, it requires efficient watering. In fact, overwatering is one of the most common causes of shallow roots, increased disease, and unnecessary water waste. By following your assigned two-day watering schedule and using water efficiently, you're helping ensure a reliable water supply for our entire community while maintaining a healthy landscape. Thank you for doing your part to conserve one of our most valuable resources.

2026 WATERING SCHEDULE

PINERY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

Effective May 1st, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVEN Numbered Addresses	ODD Numbered Addresses	Commercial and Large Irrigators	EVEN Numbered Addresses	ODD Numbered Addresses	No WATERING	Commercial and Large Irrigators

Hand Watering of Trees, Shrubs, and Potted Plants Allowed on Any Watering Day
No Watering (including hand watering) between 10am & 6pm



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