



Fish Creek Water Plant Upgrades & Shutdown On Horizon

Every Drop Counts - Conserve H₂O During Two Month Fall Project Beginning Sept 16

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 21, 2024-After successfully implementing the initial phase of upgrades to the Fish Creek Water Treatment Plant earlier this spring, Mt. Werner Water & Sanitation District (MWW) will begin the next phase of its Plant Improvement Project starting Monday, September 16, 2024. This portion requires a full two-month plant shutdown.

“The Plant Facilities Plan identified improvements and enhancements that ensure the facility makes the most of the community’s valuable liquid resource for years to come,” commented Mt. Werner Water & Sanitation District General Manager Frank Alfone. “This project requires the entire community working to together to make it successful.”

On September 16, the Phase 2B fall portion commences with a full scheduled shutdown of the Fish Creek Water Treatment Plant that will last through late November. During that time, water will be supplied solely via the Yampa Wells Treatment Plant (Wells) until the Fish Creek Plant is back online which is anticipated on November 25.

During the past two improvement projects which required a similar shutdown, the Wells provided the necessary flows and project managers fully anticipate the same will occur this fall. However, both agencies are asking for everyone’s conservation assistance to ensure efficient operations while producing water at the Wells.

Irrigation systems should be turned off before September 16. Shutting down seasonal outdoor watering will contribute to saving between 3 to 4 million gallons of water per day, providing a substantial reduction of water demand on the Yampa Wells Plant. MWW and the city are contacting landscaping companies and HOA’s for their assistance. In addition, residents should curb their water consumption by limiting indoor water use, refraining from washing vehicles, and hosing down sidewalks, siding, and driveways.

“The community’s efforts to conserve water during Phase 2B this spring made for a smoother project,” said the city’s Distribution & Collection Manager Michelle Carr. “We call upon all water consumers again during the fall scheduled shut down for their assistance with this essential project.”

Potable water from Fish Creek and the Yampa Wells meets the same regulatory criteria for consumption. Since the Yampa Wells source water carries more minerals than Fish Creek, the source water for the Fish Creek Treatment Plant, customers may experience a slight difference in taste.

The water department will conduct extra monitoring of water use during the improvement project. Anyone can report water waste through the [online reporting system](#).

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