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# Your Water

### District Website

Visit us online at [www.swmetrowater.org](http://www.swmetrowater.org) for more information about Your Water and the activities of the District

### Office Location and Hours

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Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

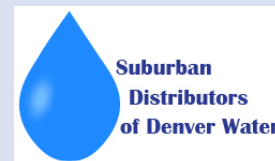
## Denver Metro Water Festival Celebrates Another Year of Water Learning for Students

The fourth annual Denver Metro Water Festival was held on May 17, 2017 at Auraria Campus in downtown Denver. The water festival brings together over 1,300 sixth graders from Jefferson County Public Schools, Cherry Creek Public Schools, Douglas County Public Schools and Denver Public Schools.



The festival brought in over 75 presenters from 30 Colorado businesses and organizations to engage students in everything from the water cycle, water law and weather patterns to poetry, avalanche mitigation and water pollution.

For more information visit: [denvermetrowaterfest.org](http://denvermetrowaterfest.org)



## District Office Receives Long Awaited Refresh



After months of renovations, District offices have an updated look and feel as new paint hit the walls, old carpet was removed and new hardwood flooring has been laid down. Countertops and tile in all the bathrooms was replaced and new furniture has been added to the lobby area for guests to enjoy.



Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's original building was built in 1984 after employees spent years working from the pump station located on West Ken Caryl Avenue. As the District grew, more employees and equipment were needed to manage operations of the District's systems, the Board decided to expand the office building. Thus, in 1999, Southwest Metropolitan added additional garage

space for vehicles and equipment, office space for employees and more parking for customers and guests. Eighteen years later, the District office was in need of a few key updates. As such, the District contracted with interior design firm Genterro, LLC in October of 2016 to carry out \$200,000 of necessary remodel work.

## Construction Project Updates



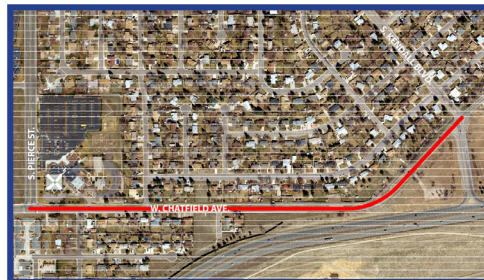
### West Chatfield Avenue Water Main Replacement

The replacement of a 1,679-foot stretch of eight-inch asbestos-cement pipe along West Chatfield Avenue between South Pierce Street and South Lamar Court with 16-inch PVC pipe is in the late stages of the design phase—construction is expected to begin in early June.



### West Chatfield Avenue Sewer Main Rehabilitation

Along West Chatfield Avenue between South Pierce Street and South Kendall Boulevard, 2,745 feet of eight-inch concrete sewer pipe will be rehabilitated using cured-in-place rehabilitation along with the lining of 13 concrete manholes and reestablishing 23 service connections. This project is in the design phase—construction is expected to begin in early September.



### Hogback Pump Station Variable-Frequency Drive Replacement

Pumps two, three and four within the District's Hogback Pump Station will receive upgraded Variable-Frequency Drives (VFDs). This project is in the design phase.



### West Coal Mine Avenue Sewer Main Installation

The installation of 111 feet of eight inch PVC pipe along West Coal Mine Avenue and South Newcombe Way is in the design phase.



For the most up to date information available on these projects please visit our website at [www.SWMetroWater.org](http://www.SWMetroWater.org).

## Welcome, Cynthia Lane, Assistant Manager for Administration!



The District would like to welcome its newest addition, Assistant Manager for Administration Cynthia Lane. Cynthia began on April 10th, 2017 bringing with her vast and varied experience in both the public and private sectors. Hailing from northern Maryland, Cynthia made the move west in 2011 when her position within the American Water Works Association offered an opportunity in Colorado. When the chance to join Southwest Metro presented itself, Cynthia jumped at the opportunity to work with the tight knit District and share her experience and unique combination of talents.

Some of Cynthia's duties for the District include contract administration, human resource management, and managing special projects as needed. When not performing these tasks Cynthia loves to travel to new and exotic locations as well as spending time outdoors skiing, riding her bike, hiking, and camping.



## Funding Passes for Colorado Schools Water Safety Bill

The passage of House Bill 1306 marks a significant step in ensuring Colorado schools can provide safe drinking water on their campuses. The bill provides for testing and analyzing drinking water for lead contaminants beginning with older elementary schools with the hope that all public schools can be tested by June 30, 2020. Potentially



up to \$300,000 in grants could be awarded in each of the next three years with an additional \$140,000 available to implement the plan. An additional 10% in local matching funds would be required from school districts that test for lead and districts will be required to provide testing results to their school board, water supplier, CDPHE as well as their local health agency.

The bill passed with bipartisan support after 100 Colorado schools tested positive for lead traces in 2016 including numerous schools within Jefferson County. The county has since tested all of its schools and brought them up to standards. Prior to the testing, only seven of Colorado's 178 school districts had tested their water for lead.

## Sumertime Watering Tips to Help keep your Lawn and Wallet Green



Thankfully, the skies opened up often this year and the moisture we've seen in many places along the Front Range has given us a spring full of green and growth. Thus, we are not experiencing assigned watering schedules, although mandatory watering rules are still in effect. To avoid being fined for irresponsible watering practices, remember:

- Water during cooler times of the day—lawn watering is not allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Water no more than three days per week.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.

The easiest way to follow these rules and still have a yard your neighbors will be jealous of is to follow a method called cycle and soak. Watering areas in increments allows the soil time to soak up the water it needs and reach the roots, creating a healthier lawn. The scheduling feature on your irrigation controller can

allow you to break up the start times and reduce the watering time for individual zones and cycles. Manual sprinklers and hand watering are also options you may consider and the cycle and soak method still applies. Typically an hour between cycles gives the soil enough time to absorb the water deep into the roots.

	MINUTES TO WATER PER ZONE (FOR LAWNS, BASED ON THREE DAYS PER WEEK)			
	FIXED SPRAY HEAD	ROTOR HEADS	ROTARY/HIGH-EFFICIENCY	MANUAL SPRINKLERS
JUNE	12	24	30	18
JULY	17	35	43	26
AUGUST	18	36	45	27
SEPTEMBER	11	23	28	17

