



Ridgewood Water District

October 2016

2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2016 Ridgewood Water Quality Report is attached for your information. Our water is tested annually, semi-annually, and monthly depending upon the type of test that is required.

IMPORTANT -LEAD AND COPPER FOUND

During a recent test of five homes, one home was found to have a higher than allowable level of lead and copper. This is indicative of pipe corrosion within the home. There is no indication of copper and lead contamination in our water system. However, it is imperative that all water users understand the significance of this issue. Please read the enclosed document to better understand this potential health risk.

BASIC FEE STRUCTURE EXPLANATION

Your water bill consists of a basic fee, a fee for water used over a basic allotment, and a special assessment. The basic fee covers a specified amount of water (regardless if you use the amount or not) and costs associated with the operation of the District. These costs include the water operator's salary, monthly meter readings, required water analysis (e.g., one recent water test cost \$1,300), repairs, etc. Additional water fees are incurred if you use water over the basic amount. The more you use, the more you pay – same principle as your electric bill. The special assessment fee is being used to fund the District's Capitol Improvement account. Bottom line - our plastic distribution "pipes" are old and need to be replaced. The Capitol Improvement fund is being used for this multi-year project. Funds received by the District are being used to keep the water flowing to your home.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1 NEW BILLING ADDRESS & INFO:

Please send all payments to PO Box 523, Woodland Park, CO 80866. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed if payment is not **received** by the 25th of each month. (Ridgewood Water District Rules & Regulations, 2015, Section 24)

2 DISTRICT PHONE NUMBER: (719) 687-9718

3 DISTRICT EMAIL: ridgewoodh2o@gmail.com

4 DISTRICT WEBSITE: RidgewoodWater.org

5 DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS: 2ND Thursday, 7:00 PM, 35 Spruce Circle (unless otherwise posted).

WATER CONSERVATION

Ridgewood Water District provides water services to about 60 homes in the Ridgewood community. Average daily water usage among the District is approx. 5,000 gallons. That's the equivalent of one and a fourth water trucks per day. According to information distributed at the recent Small District Association conference, Colorado's future population is forecast to exceed its water capability by the year 2030. Water conservation is smart for all of us.



WATER IS FOR INDOOR USE ONLY.

"No user shall be permitted to waste water. As illustration, and not by way of limitation, landscaping which would require irrigation, watering, or sprinkling, such on a regular basis, washing of motor vehicles, and swimming pools would be considered the wasting of water and contrary to the Rules and Regulations." (Ridgewood Water District Rules & Regulations, 2015, Section 18)

RAIN BARRELS AUTHORIZED

The State Legislature recently authorized private home owners to use "rain barrels" as a means to collect and store water. The new law authorizes the use of rain barrels to collect up to 110 gallons. This is a great way to collect water for outside usage. Amazon, and others, has a wide range of rain barrels and supplies. For more information, see: <http://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/natres/06707.pdf>



Rain barrells come in all sizes and shapes. Just remember that your're limited to 110 gallons per home.