

Summary of Changes to WUMP 2026

Section	Changes	Reason
1.2 Executive Summary	<i>Municipal Code Chapter 13.15 no longer included as Exhibit 1</i>	Redirect to municipal code to ensure accuracy instead of duplicating in an exhibit.
1.3 Alternative irrigation schedule definition	<i>Added language clarifying that the regular criteria is the criteria in the watering schedule</i>	Clarification
1.3 Common area definition	<i>Added parks, passive recreation areas as the responsible parties for maintaining the common areas to the definition</i>	Maintain consistency with definition used in Landscape & Irrigation Criteria Manual
1.3 Irrigation exemption definition	<p><i>Revised definition as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Added language “as approved by the Program Administrator”</i></p> <p><i>Removed language limiting exemptions to establishment of new plant material only</i></p>	<p>It is important that any exemptions be reviewed and approved by CRW.</p> <p>Irrigation exemptions can be granted for other reasons as specified in Section 3.3.2</p>
1.3 Irrigation season definition	<i>Removed definition “Irrigation season: April 1 through October 31”</i>	April 1 – Oct 31 is inconsistent with the current Watering Schedule and restriction period of May 1 – September 30. This definition was also removed from the Landscape & Irrigation Criteria Manual.
1.3 Restriction period definition	<i>Revised language using new defined term of “watering schedule” instead of current ambiguous language that uses “current year calendar”</i>	Clarification
1.3 Watering schedule definition	<p><i>Added new definition:</i></p> <p><i>Watering Schedule: The current year schedule designating the days and times residential and non-residential water customers are allowed to water irrigated areas of their property during the restriction period.</i></p>	Clarification to avoid confusion between terminology used when referring to various schedules and calendars in document
2. Public Education	<p><i>Changed time period of irrigation season to May – September</i></p> <p><i>Added language: “Water Wiser participants are still required to water within the designated hours”.</i></p> <p><i>Added language stating water accounts will be updated with water wiser status</i></p>	<p>Consistent with Watering Schedule and restriction period</p> <p>Clarification - Not a new requirement</p> <p>Informational – alignment with current practice</p>

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3.2.1 Residential Irrigation	Updated the process of distributing the Watering schedules to customers in April billing instead of bulk U.S. mail	Implementation of new practice in 2027 to reduce cost of bulk mailing and enable digital distribution to e-bill customers
3.3 Alternative Irrigation Schedules	Changes made include edits or moving of language for purposes of readability with no change to requirements except for the addition of the following statement: <i>“Irrigation exemptions will only be issued during the restriction period May 1 through September 30”</i>	Readability and ease of understanding New process in 2026 – there is no need to issue exemptions outside of the watering restriction period
3.3.1 Exemptions for establishment of new plant material	Changes made include edits or moving of language for purposes of readability with no change to requirements except for the removal of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>verification and site inspections for new plant material exemptions</i> • <i>evidence of backflow prevention assembly</i> • <i>exemption for disease mitigation</i> • <i>exemption for fertilization</i> • <i>exemption for hydro seeding</i> 	Readability and ease of understanding Not implemented in current practice Not implemented in current practice Not used – never requested Not used – never requested Can already be requested under existing exemption for new plant material establishment
3.3.2 other exemptions	Changes made include edits or moving of language for purposes of readability with no change to requirements except for the addition of the following statement: <i>Residential customers without programmable irrigation systems may be granted an exemption to water outside of the designated hours between 6pm and 8pm.</i>	Readability and ease of understanding Implement standardized exemption that allows for watering between 6pm-8pm
3.4.1 Special Schedule	Changes made include edits or moving of language for purposes of readability with no change to requirements	Readability and ease of understanding
3.4.9 Water waste	Replaced language referring to “storm” event with “rain” event Added language requiring properly functioning moisture sensing equipment for non-residential properties	Clarification Clarification - No new requirement. These areas are managed and maintained by Registered Landscape Professionals.

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3.4.9 Water waste	<p><i>Increased time for customers to make repairs of leaking irrigation components as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Residential customers from 5 days to 7 days</i></p> <p><i>Nonresidential customers from 24 hours to 48 hours</i></p>	<p>Provides customers with sufficient time to make repairs before issuing subsequent violations</p> <p>Provides customers with sufficient time to acquire parts and approval from responsible party</p>
3.5.1 Seasonal Water Monitors	<p><i>Removed language regarding water monitor wages, budgeting and schedule coverage</i></p> <p><i>Deleted Exhibit 7 listing topics covered in water monitor training</i></p>	<p>Not relevant or useful to water customers</p> <p>Repetitive. Already in section 3.5.1</p>
3.5.3 Warning/ Surcharge Issuance Process	<p><i>Added option to email watering violation notices to customers</i></p> <p><i>Increased grace period between the issuance of violations from 5 days to 7 days</i></p>	<p>Flexibility to implement new process in the future to reduce cost of postage and staff processing time</p> <p>Provides customers with sufficient time to receive and correct violation before issuance of next violation</p>
3.5.4 Surcharge values	<p><i>Corrected Surcharge Values Table by replacing “Subject to service discontinuance” with “Subject to temporary service disruption”</i></p> <p><i>Residential customers: Added ability to temporarily suspend service in the event of repeat violations starting with the 4th violation</i></p>	<p>Discontinuance of service does not apply</p> <p>Addresses repeat offenders who intentionally violate water restrictions</p>
3.5.5 Appeal process	<p><i>Increased time period for submitting appeals from 10 calendar days to 10 business days</i></p> <p><i>Added option for customers to email appeal request to waterconservation@crgov.com</i></p>	<p>Provides customers with more time to receive and appeal a violation</p> <p>Convenient and most commonly used method for customers</p>
3.5.6 Appeal approval criteria	<p><i>Removed language regarding irrigation during storm events and requirement for moisture sensing equipment</i></p>	<p>Repetitive. Already in Section 3.4.9</p>

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3.7 Rain Barrels	<p>Moved language regarding rain barrels from Section 5.1 to section 3.7 and deleted section 5 including:</p> <p><i>FAQ's (removed as these were copy and paste of CO Dept of Water Resources website)</i> <i>Exhibit 10 (removed as these were copy and paste of Dept of Water Resources website)</i></p>	<p>Consolidation of information for readability.</p> <p>Link to the CO Dept. of Water Resources added in Section 3.7 to refer to website for most recent and accurate information</p>
4.1 Database Management	<p>Deleted Database Management section</p>	<p>Not relevant for customers and already implied in the plan</p>
Exhibits	<p>Eliminated the following exhibits and updated exhibit numbers accordingly:</p> <p><i>Exhibit 1: Water Restriction Code – Chapter 13.15 (removed as this was a copy and paste from crgov.com)</i></p> <p><i>Exhibit 2a: Sample Residential Communication</i></p> <p><i>Exhibit 5: Exemption Placard</i></p> <p><i>Exhibit 7: Water Monitor Training Guidelines</i></p> <p><i>Exhibit 10: DWR Rainwater Collection Information Table (removed as this was a copy and paste from Dept of Water Resources website)</i></p>	<p>Section 1.2 already refers to Chapter 13.15 of code and should be referenced for most recent and accurate information</p> <p>More precise and relevant information is already included in Watering Schedule exhibit</p> <p>Not used by customers. Exemption is filtered in Northstar System and reduces staff processing time.</p> <p>Already in section 3.5.1</p> <p>Link to the CO Dept. of Water Resources added in Section 3.7 to refer to website for most recent and accurate information</p>