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Snowpack – Groundwater and Conservation

The common wisdom would say rain and snow recharge our drinking water aquifer. In reality, the summer rain, while important, is not the major source of water for our Gillette Flats Aquifer. The major source of water to recharge our groundwater comes from winter snows.

To the casual observer, the process by which we get our water from the Pikes Peak snowpack is simple: the weather cools as winter approaches in late September and the summer rains change to snow. Snow accumulates in deep crevices and tree line forests on the Pikes Peak Massif. With the warming of late spring and early summer the snowpack melts, producing runoff into the West Fork of West Beaver Creek.

In reality, the relationship between the snowpack and the amount of snowpack runoff is complex. It depends on many factors including moisture content of the snow, precipitation patterns, evaporation from the sun and wind, and the frequency of storm events. These factors change throughout the year from year to year.

During this past snow season (starting October 1, 2025 to May 15, 2026), Colorado had historic lows in snowpack, which significantly impacts water resources. Much of the state, particularly the Pikes Peak region, was well below the 70% drought stress threshold. This means the members of Mountain Mutual Water Company need to stay focused on water conservation to reduce the strain on our water supply.

The biggest household water users are inefficient shower heads, old style toilets and older washing machines that are not high efficiency. Changing from an older washing machine to a high efficiency washing machine can save over 1,400 gallons per year. Old style toilets may use as much as 4-5 gallons per flush, where the new style may use as little as 1 gallon per flush. These are only a few examples of wasted water.

Great news for the CCME community. A collaboration between MMWC, CCMEPOA and 4 Mile Fire has resulted in providing 4 Mile Fire with 60,000 gallons of water inside the subdivision. Two older tanks that belong to MMWC were converted to give access to 4 Mile Fire. The POA paid for the components necessary for the conversion, MMWC staff designed and installed the components and 4 Mile Fire just tested the access points. If you drive by 2 purple fixtures, they are flush hydrants that give access to 4 Mile.





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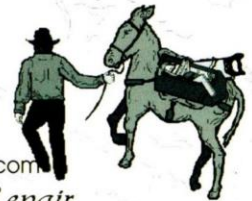
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