Water Conservation Restrictions Beginning July 30, 2018

Due to decreasing flows in the Crystal River and due to increasing demands on the Town’s potable water system, the Town Manager is implementing the following restrictions beginning at 12:00 AM, Monday, July 30, 2018:

• No outdoor irrigation between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM is allowed.
• Odd/Even Restrictions-Properties with an address that ends in an even number or zero can water on even numbered days of the month. Properties with an address that ends in an odd number can water on odd numbered days of the month.
• No draining and refilling of swimming pools, hot tubs, spas or the like. Water may be added to replenish evaporative losses, but they cannot be drained and refilled.
• No washing of privately owned cars, other motor vehicles, trailers or boats except from a bucket. A hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
• No washing of sidewalks, driveways parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas.

Exceptions:
• Irrigation systems in homeowners associations or other large systems that irrigate multiple properties are not subject to the odd/even restriction provided that the irrigation system does not irrigate the same piece of property more frequently than once every other day, or alternatively, they reduce their usage by 50% daily.
• Drip irrigation is not subject to the odd/even restrictions.
• Outside watering with a handheld container is permitted daily.
• Commercial car washes are not affected by the restrictions at this time.

The Town expects river levels to continue to decline which, in turn, may result in lower ditch flows than normal. Ditch users should be aware of this potential and take appropriate measures with their equipment.

Typically, during irrigation season, flows in the Crystal River are lowest in September and October. With the current drought conditions prevalent across the western part of Colorado, it is likely that that water supplies will continue to dwindle throughout the fall. Adherence to the above-listed restrictions will help delay the need for more stringent restrictions and help ensure that the Town is able to provide potable water for domestic use and fire suppression throughout this unusually dry time. Failure to adhere to these restrictions may result in the declaration of a “Water Crisis” which, among other things, would prohibit all outdoor irrigation.