



Little Thompson Water District

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WINTER 2020/2021 NEWSLETTER

RATES AND FEES INCREASE WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN YOUR FEBRUARY 2021 BILL

Each fall, as a part of our budgeting process, we review and adjust our rates to reflect both the rising costs for our water supply and increased expense for water treatment to meet water quality regulations. Based on our anticipated expenses, we determine whether a rate increase is needed. At the November 12, 2020 Rates and Fees Public Hearing the Board of Directors approved a 2.2% increase on all Tier Rates for our residential and non-residential customers. The monthly base rate will have an increase of 2.2%, raising the rate for 5/8" residential customers by \$0.62 per month. The new fees and rates for water used will be reflected in your February 2021 bill. We know our customers depend on us for affordable water and we work diligently to keep our costs down and avoid any unnecessary rate increases.

Additionally, there will be increases to our Wholesale Rates affecting North Carter Lake Water District, Longs Peak Water District, Berthoud, Johnstown and Loveland.

Impact of Proposed 2.2% Water Rate Increase				
	Annual Usage (gallons)	Annual Cost of Water Existing Rates	Annual Cost of Water Proposed Rates	Annual Average Increase
10th Percentile Customer	46,000	\$490.86	\$501.66	\$10.80
Median Customer	160,000	\$968.43	\$989.74	\$21.31
90th Percentile Customer	353,000	\$1,780.63	\$1,819.80	\$39.17
Impact of Proposed 2.2% Base Fee Increase				
All 5/8" Customers	N/A	\$337.80	\$345.23	\$7.43
Information based on 5/8" residential which is 93% of our customer base				

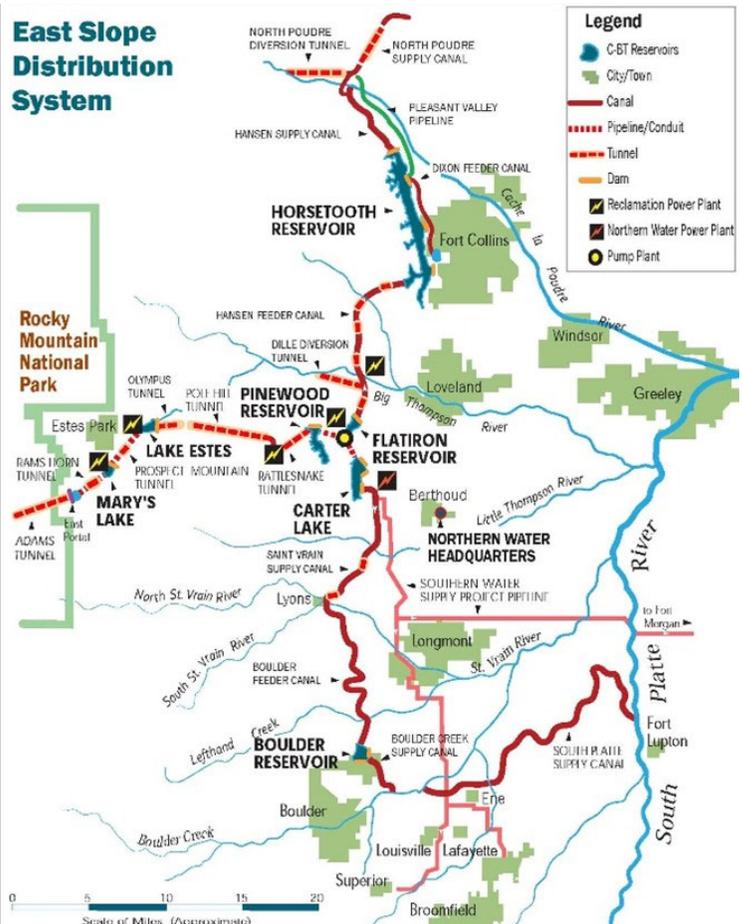
Where does your drinking water come from?

LTWD gets its water from the western slope via the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. The water is pumped from Lake Granby to Grand Lake to the east slope through Adams Tunnel. When it gets to the east slope it is pumped into Carter Lake, west of Berthoud, Colorado. Once the water gets to Carter Lake it is sent down a canal called the St. Vrain Supply Canal (SVSC). Carter Lake Filter Plant (CLFP) diverts water out of the SVSC and treats the water to make it drinkable then sends it down LTWD's distribution pipes where it is delivered to the individual customers through your water meters. To learn more visit: <https://www.northernwater.org/what-we-do/deliver-water/colorado-big-thompson-project>.

West Slope Collection System



East Slope Distribution System



DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS!!

After 13-1/2 years of devoted service to the District, Business Manager Judy Dahl has announced her retirement! Judy has helped guide Little Thompson into a secure financial future and has set the office operations on a successful path. Judy will be stepping down as business manager effective December 31, 2020, however she will remain as Emeritus until her retirement on August 31, 2021.

At the same time, we are extremely proud to announce District Account Angela Diekhoff will be promoted into the Business Manager position as of January 1, 2021! Angela started with the District in September 2015 as a Customer Service Rep and was promoted to District Accountant in 2018. Angela came to us after 16 years as the office manager of a multi-million dollar construction company. Angela has been gaining the necessary experience to step into this important position under Judy's tutelage for two years. She even returned to school to obtain her Business Management Degree to help prepare her for this amazing opportunity.

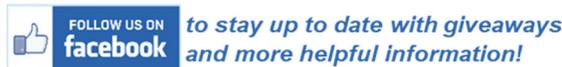
We wish to congratulate both Judy and Angela on the exciting changes coming for them in 2021!



Winter Watering! Here are some winter watering tips from Colorado State University Extension:

- Water trees, shrubs, lawns and perennials during prolonged dry fall and winter periods to prevent root damage that affects the health of the entire plant.
- Water only when air and soil temperatures are above 40° F with no snow cover.
- Established large trees have a root spread equal to or greater than the height of the tree. Apply water to the most critical part of the root zone within the dripline.

Stop by the District and pick up FREE tools to help with your winter watering while supplies last! Pick up your FREE arbor bags to keep your trees healthy through the winter, limit 4 per household! We also have FREE hose spray nozzles, 5-liter watering cans, and soil moisture probes to giveaway, limit one of each per household! These watering tools make sure the water goes where it needs to be and helps with more precise watering, meaning less wasted water!



Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern) to Shut Down Canal

Northern anticipates shutting down the canal that delivers water into Carter Lake Filter Plant (CLFP) from January 25 – 28, 2021. CLFP will use the District's alternate water sources from Dry Creek Reservoir to provide a continuous water supply to our customers.

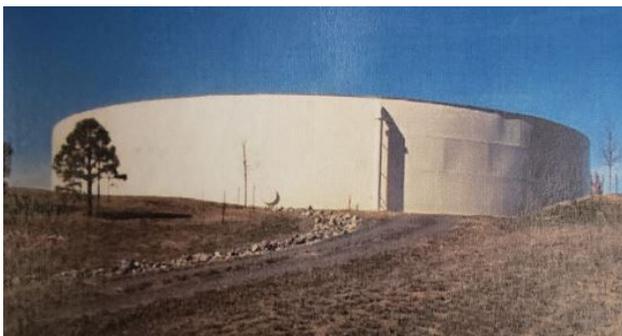
What does this mean to you? You will receive the same great quality water you always receive. However, since some people are more sensitive to flavors and scents, they may notice a difference.

Why is Northern closing the canal? The canal is being closed for maintenance.

We are proud to have alternative water sources to keep our supplies flowing to our customers due to the dedication of **past & present** District employees planning for our **future!**

Twin Mounds 5 Million Gallon (MG) Potable Water Storage Tank Recoating

LTWD owns and operates a 5 MG potable water storage located directly west of Weld County Road (WCR) 7 and approximately 0.5 miles south of East Hwy. 60 in Weld County.



This tank is part of critical District infrastructure serving the northeast quadrant of the District's water distribution system. The tank was constructed in 1998 and is in significant need of a complete rehabilitation and recoating of the interior and exterior. The estimated cost for the necessary interior and exterior rehabilitation and recoating is \$1,500,000. The anticipated schedule for this work is to complete the interior in the spring of 2021 and complete the exterior in the following fall of 2021.