



# MINTURN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## July 2018

**Voluntary Water Reductions are in effect and recommended as follows:**

### **OUTDOOR WATER USE SCHEDULE**

**TIMES:** Before 10am or after 4pm (midnight to 10am or 4pm to midnight)

**ADDRESSES that may water:** ODD or EVEN

**Monday** – no outdoor water use

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday** – ODD

**Wednesday, Friday, Sunday** – EVEN

### **WATER USE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Adhere to the odd/ even outdoor water use schedule based on the last digit in your street address.
- The watering day is from midnight to midnight.
- Hoses should have water saving shutoff nozzles to prevent free running water.
- Water shall be used for beneficial purposes only.
- Minimize evaporation by watering when winds are calm, and temperatures are cool.
- Install a rain shutoff switch
- Adjust irrigation schedules at least monthly, based upon water and plant needs.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Minturn Summer Market (In it's 20<sup>th</sup> Season)**

**Every Saturday starting June 16 – September 8.**

**9am – 2pm** The Minturn Market includes music for people to immerse themselves in the genuine charm and culture of Historic Downtown Minturn.

[www.minturnmarket.org](http://www.minturnmarket.org)

**Yoga in the Park – Every Saturday starting June 23 – September 8 – 9:30 – 10:30am.**

Location: Little Beach Park. Enjoy an exhilarating yoga routine while taking in the beautiful surroundings. Hosted by the Minturn Community Fund. For more information: 970-306-6553.

**Monthly Minturn Makers Meetup – July 28th – 3pm – 6pm.**

Location: 1040 Main Street  
Open house, hosted by Ben Belgrad. Calling all local trades. This is an opportunity to meet up with other local trades of all varieties. Food and drink provided. Connect with those in your industry and discover new avenues for collaboration. Woodworkers, welders, potters, artists, you name it. Contact Ben for more info or just show up. [drinkingvesselsbb@gmail.com](mailto:drinkingvesselsbb@gmail.com)

**Minturn Summer Concert Series – Every Thursday starting July 5th through August 23rd 6pm – 8pm.**

Location: Little Beach Park. Free outdoor concert series hosted by the Minturn Community Fund. This is a “can’t miss” Minturn summer event.

<http://www.minturncommunityfund.org/programs.html>

**Drive In Movies – Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday Night June 29 – July 29 – 8:30 – 10:30pm (gates open at 7:15pm).** Location: Little Beach Park, Upper Parking. **Come enjoy the Thursday night concert and stay for the movie!**

Additional dates to be announced later. Complete listing of show times can be found on the Blue Starlight website. [www.bluestarlightdrivein.com](http://www.bluestarlightdrivein.com)

### **STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT.**

The Town of Minturn has extended the Eagle County Emergency Management “Stage 2” fire restrictions to all parts of Minturn pursuant to Minturn Municipal Code 7-10-10. These restrictions will remain in effect until conditions warrant change and may be expanded as necessary. These temporary restrictions include:

- NO Campfires are allowed.
- NO fires of any type except those using pressurized liquid or gas.
- NO smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- NO use of explosive materials, including explosive targets
- NO welding or operation of an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame, or any other spark producing device, except from an area that has been cleared of vegetation
- NO operation of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order.
- NO Use of motor vehicles off National Forest system roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway and except for parking overnight in developed campgrounds and at trailheads.

To report a fire contact Eagle County Dispatch at 9-1-1 for Emergencies, or 970-479-2201 for non-emergencies. Please contact Tracy LeClair, Community Risk Manager, Eagle River Fire Protection District at [tleclair@eagleriverfire.org](mailto:tleclair@eagleriverfire.org) or call (970) 471-5284 if you have any questions.

**NOTICE: Due to current fire restrictions, the USFS Shooting Range in Minturn is closed until further notice.**

### **Construction Use Tax Questions & Answers**

Learn more; open house scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 5:30-6:30 at town hall, 302 Pine St.

**Why is the Town of Minturn considering a construction use tax?** To provide for a dedicated source of revenue to fund capital improvement expenditures. Capital expenditures are currently funded out of our already strained general fund. By providing this source of revenue to the town, we eliminate the demand on the general fund to pay for items such as roads, lighting, sidewalks, land, buildings, machinery and equipment.

**What is a construction use tax?** Generally, a use tax is levied on the privilege of using or otherwise consuming tangible personal property within a city or county for which no sales or use tax has been previously paid. It is considered complementary to a sales tax, and **is applied where the product or materials are used, regardless of where the property was purchased.** For example, the Town of

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Minturn’s construction use tax is levied on construction material used in Minturn regardless of where the supplier is located.

A use tax may be applied generally to all tangible personal property used or consumed within a municipality or its application may be limited to vehicles and/or construction and building materials.

The Town of Minturn use tax is limited to construction and building materials.

**LET’S TALK WATER:**

Minturn continues to gather information for water options moving forward. **The Council requests community feedback with comments, questions and conversations.** Below are three different water source options for review.

Water quality data is included specifically showing the a few metals at different diversion points. The Eagle River has significantly higher metals levels at the Minturn diversion point but would still be treatable with a membrane plant. The Eagle River runs at over 10 NTU (turbidity level). This means for any water option involving taking water from the Minturn/Eagle River diversion a new water treatment plant would be needed since the slow sand filtration system (even in excellent working condition) cannot filter through such high turbidity.

**WATER SOURCE OPTIONS**

*There is no scenario above 1600 people where a secondary water source isn’t added to the system. Minturn residents’ water bill is currently \$84.03 / month. **All numbers are rough estimates.***

**1600 PEOPLE (MINIMUM GROWTH)**

- Still required to serve school dist. development
- Reasonable infill development
- No Bolts reservoir
- Still need membrane WTP \$5M
- Still need Dowd junction sales tax revenue (waterline town to Dowd: \$2M)
- Still pay \$100,000/year for storage
- Still need larger storage tank \$1M
- Still need secondary water source \$2M

Estimated improvements total = \$10M  
Estimated monthly water bill increase = \$50/month for 20 years (per SFE)

**RESERVOIR WITH INTERCONNECT: DOWD TO NORTH TOWN OR TANK**

- Do not need to upgrade to a membrane WTP immediately \$.5m (tap fees from development to help pay this cost)
- Able to serve growth scenarios including Dowd Jct
- Full size bolts reservoir (1210af)
- Get 160 af storage

- May save \$100,000/year on storage
- Wholesale water purchase from ERWSD with interconnect to north town or tank: Paid by 3rd party developers (Growth pays for Growth)
- Different areas of town served with different sources of water

Rate impacts yet to be determined

**MINI RESERVOIR (NO INTERCONNECT):**

- Minturn builds “mini reservoir” with 320 af (does not include operations & maintenance) 10M
  - Purchase reservoir site 3M
  - New membrane WTP 5M
  - Pipeline from bolts to WTP 2M
  - May save \$100,000/year on storage
  - Build pipeline to Dowd \$2M
  - Estimated improvements total=20M
- Estimated monthly water bill increase = \$100/month for 20 years (Per SFE)

**WATER QUALITY DATA:**

Parameter	Unit	*Cross Creek USGS	** Eagle River at Minturn	***Eagle River at Avon
Iron, Total	ug/L	184	496	205
Lead, Dissolved	ug/L	0.09	0.185	0
Manganese Total	ug/L	45.5	112	30
Zinc, Dissolved	ug/L	17.5	65.8	3.1

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**MINTURN ENERGY SAVERS**

In 2017, the Town of Minturn was accepted to participate in Xcel Energy’s Partners in Energy offering. Through a facilitated engagement process in collaboration with Xcel Energy, the Town of Minturn developed an Energy Action Plan to move the Minturn community towards new greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, energy reduction, and renewable energy goals over the next 18-months and beyond. Sign up today!

**FREE BOOK EXCHANGE**

The Town of Minturn will be adding additional mini libraries in different satellite locations in town, over the coming weeks. Thank you to those who have offered to host these libraries on your property / at your business. We are very excited to be expanding this program!

**MAIN STREET SPEED LIMITS UPDATE**

Starting this summer, from the “S” curve at the north end of town to Cemetery Rd, the speed limit will be 25 mph. Looking forward to everyone slowing down.