

# TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

*Proud to be your area water provider*



## Know Your Meter: Winterizing Your Non-potable System

Fall is here and that means it's just about time to winterize your non-potable water system before temperatures drop below freezing. We always recommend hiring a professional to winterize and thoroughly check your system, but whether you use a professional or winterize your system yourself, understanding your non-potable water meter is important to ensure proper shut-off of the system.

Your non-potable/irrigation meter is located outside your home, likely in a locked meter pit. TCVMMD customers who have the correct tool are allowed to access their meter pit to check the meter reading at any time. This tool, also called a "meter key", is a 5-sided wrench available online and through local supply stores. We purchase our meter keys from Core & Main in Henderson, CO, and they have offered TCVMMD customers a small discount. Please give us a call (303-637-0344) or use the contact form on our website (ToddCreekVillage.org) if you would like the local ordering information and/or an Amazon link to the correct product.

Most meters in the TCVMMD service area read down to the hundredth of a gallon. This makes them very useful in determining if your system is turning on and off as expected. Use the table below to understand the three different scenarios:

### TURNING OFF YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is CLOSED
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is OFF
- ◆ Meter should NOT be changing numbers
- ◆ Verify after 5 minutes, if your meter indicates water usage, the stop-and-waste valve is not fully closed, try again until meter numbers stop changing

### MONITORING YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is OPEN
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is ON
- ◆ Meter numbers SHOULD be changing (going up)
- ◆ Take a beginning meter read and another read 24 hours later. This will show you how many gallons of water your current settings use in 24 hours. **Note: if you have a weather sensor on your system, this will change your usage.**

### TURNING ON YOUR SYSTEM

- ◆ Stop-and-Waste Valve is OPEN
- ◆ Your Irrigation System is OFF
- ◆ Meter should NOT be changing numbers
- ◆ Verify after 5 minutes, if your meter indicates water usage, your irrigation system has a leak

As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Transparency Notice: Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend.**



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