



# Metro News

## April – June 2024 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPDATE – SNOW REMOVAL & OUTSIDE WORK

The Crested Butte South Metropolitan District's service plan does not allow for work on private properties. Therefore, the District will no longer provide outside work effective immediately and starting the fall of 2024, the District will no longer be providing snow removal on private properties.

### WATER

**Spring Run Off & Planning:** The Metro District does not have any control of the timing or volume of water that will move through the subdivision in the spring. This past year, we were asked about the opening and closing of gates to regulate the flow, and this is not something that is done. All the water moving through the District is fed by melting snow and the goal is to keep that water moving through the existing infrastructure of historical drainages, ditches, and culverts. Much of this flow follows a watercourse along the road edges and a lot of other areas where the water follows historical ditches within individual properties or along the border of multiple properties. It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain ditches, culverts, and historical drainages on their property so that the water can follow the defined route. While maintenance is encouraged, owners should not change the point that the water leaves their property or divert it in any way. Our recommendation is to clear out any ditches, culverts, and historical drainages on your property. Also, shoring up the sides of the ditch in any low spots to contain water, remove grass, weeds, and any debris now so the water can move uninterrupted. Any obstacle that will slow the rate of flow or any breach that can allow water to escape are more difficult to repair when water is running. Prepping those areas now can eliminate water related issues in the spring.

### SEWER

Wet wipes are disposable, but **not flushable**. They do not disintegrate before reaching the wastewater treatment plant which causes damage to pumps and other wastewater treatment equipment that is costly to repair. Wet wipes can also create blockages in the sanitary sewer system resulting in sewer backups and overflows. Not only do they cause havoc at the wastewater treatment plant, but they are terrible for household plumbing as well. Wet wipes can cause a blockage in the household plumbing or sanitary service line, **resulting in a costly repair for the homeowner**. The blockage could also result in an overflowing toilet or a sanitary sewer backup into the basement depending on where the blockage is located. The District recommends sharing this information with your short term and long term tenants.

### ROADS

The roads, cul-de-sacs, and driveways throughout the District are EXTREMELY saturated right now and the District needs a little time for things to dry up enough to be able to smooth out and repair the public areas with equipment. The District will address these issues as soon as possible and thank you for your patience.

### Q&A

Below you will find answers to common questions the District receives.

- Does the District Meter Bill for water? No, currently the District bills are based on EQR or size. The District will be moving to meter billing January 1, 2025.
- Does the homeowner have to purchase a meter for meter billing? No! There is no cost to the homeowner for the replacement of the existing meter with a new meter and radio. Please contact us to schedule your new meter installation!