

## North Table Mountain Report – August 2017

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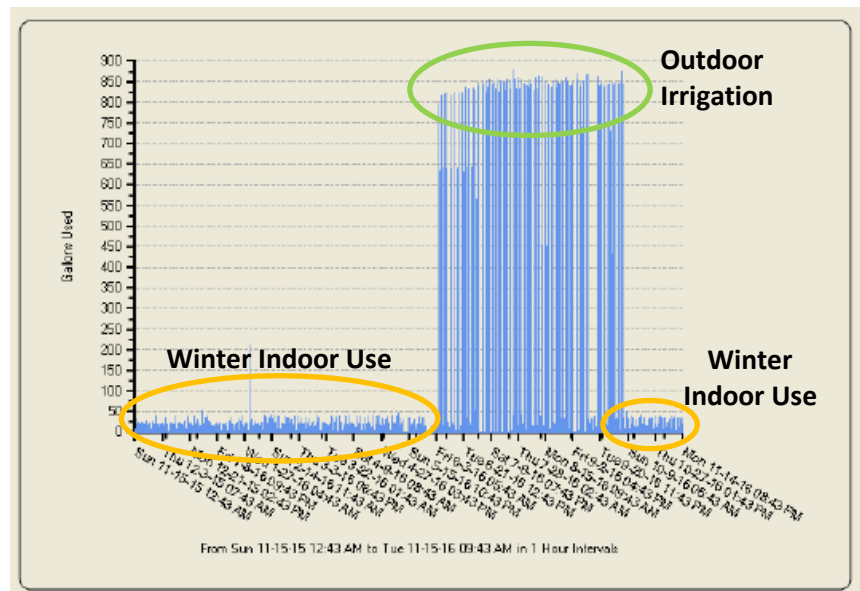
### Summer Water Usage

The summer irrigation season is upon us. Many customers are surprised at how much water they use irrigating their lawns. We often see sprinkler systems that can use thousands of gallons during a watering cycle. If not managed properly outdoor usage can add up to a very large consumption over the course of a 3 month billing cycle, resulting in a large summer bill.

The graph to the right shows a typical customer using 2,100 gallons per watering cycle, 3 days a week. This schedule would normally result in 83,000 gallons of irrigation usage over the course of a quarter.

*(However, what this customer did not realize was their sprinkler schedule was set to water 2x per day starting at 4:30 AM and again starting at 9:00 PM. Their water use was double what they expected.)*

Being in tune with your home and surroundings can pay off. Listening for water running when it is not supposed to be can help avoid large water and sewer bills.



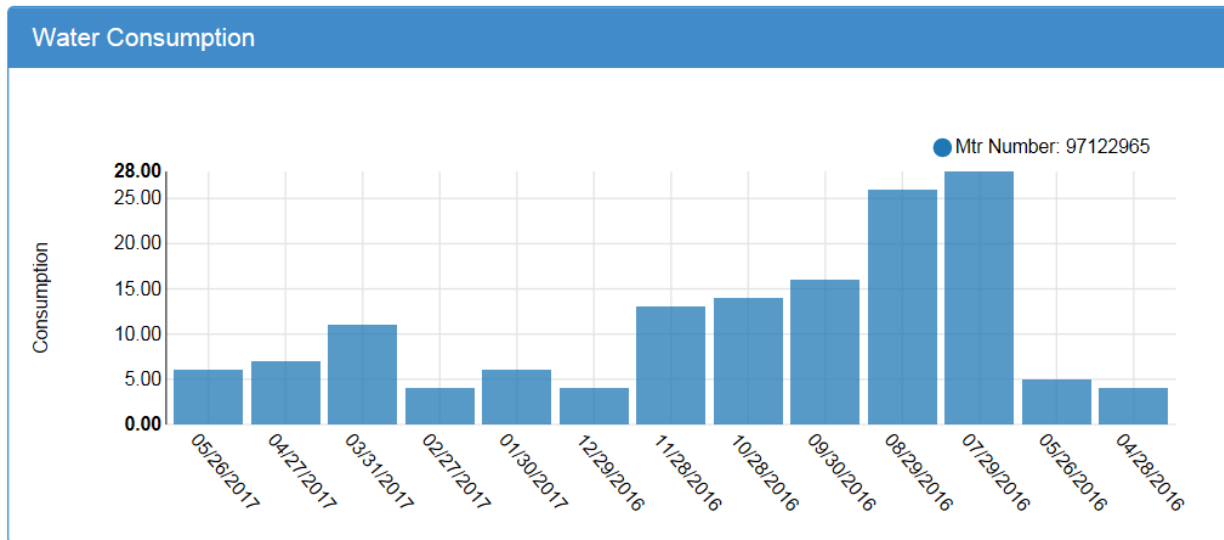
We find sprinklers for new lawns that are set by the landscaping company can be set for multiple days per week and sometimes twice per day. Again, the homeowner needs to be proactive and decide how long continuing this schedule is needed and back off the watering as soon as the new grass can tolerate it. There are many resources available to gauge how much you should be watering, every irrigation system is different. Some resources are available at [ntmwater.org](http://ntmwater.org) and [denverwater.org](http://denverwater.org).

We purchase raw water from Denver Water and treat it ourselves. Because we are utilizing water from Denver's collection system we are required to adhere to their watering restrictions. This summer's mandatory rules are in effect from May 1 to Oct 1 and include:

- Water during cooler times of the day, lawn watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Water no more than three days per week.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.

## Monthly Water Usage Data is Available

We read all of the meters in the District each month. This data is added to your portal on our website the beginning of each month. In addition, it is printed on your quarterly statement.



The graph above is an example of the information available in your “My Account” portal on the [ntmwater.org](http://ntmwater.org) website. This data is very useful for tracking summer watering and for monitoring unexpected changes in water usage.

## Leaks

We have had a number of customers recently that have had leaking toilets. Once again being aware and listening for running water at unexpected times can help you avoid an excessively high water bill.

**Remember!** When leaving your home for any extended period of time it is best practice to shut off the water using the main shut-off valve in

your home or the valves at your toilet, washing machine and other fixtures that may potentially leak.

