



**SUMMER LAWN CARE TIPS**

**Best Practices for Mowing the Lawn**

- ✿ Set your mowing height as high as you can (3 inches or the highest setting your mower allows), and mow at the same height all growing season. Because of the direct relationship between height of grass and rooting depth, cutting your lawn high will increase root depth and shade the ground, thereby conserving irrigation water.
- ✿ Recycle grass clippings into the lawn with a mulching mower. This will not contribute to lawn thatch, which is a buildup of dead grass stems and roots, not grass clippings.
- ✿ Maintain a sharp mower blade to avoid tearing the grass.
- ✿ Avoid causing lawn stress by mowing during cool morning or evening hours.
- ✿ Lawns showing signs of drought stress (a blue-gray coloration, persistent footprints, or slight browning) should be mowed *after* they have been watered.

**Weed Control**

- ✿ Drought-stressed, thin lawns are susceptible to invasion by a number of lawn weeds, including: dandelion, bindweed, spurge, mallow, and crabgrass.
- ✿ Weeds (especially crabgrass and spurge) will be more common on those areas of the lawn where irrigation coverage is less than optimal, as well as along sidewalks and driveways.
- ✿ Drought-stressed weeds can be difficult to kill with summer herbicide applications.
- ✿ Apply herbicides only when weeds are green and growing.
- ✿ Spot-treat weeds whenever possible.
- ✿ Weeds not controlled with summer herbicide applications are more easily controlled with fall treatments.
- ✿ Avoid applying herbicides in windy conditions and when temperatures exceed 85°F.

**XERIC PLANT OF THE MONTH**

A Rocky Mountain native with an open, vase-shaped growth habit, Boulder Raspberry (*Rubus deliciosus*) produces large white single flowers in May and June that demand your attention! Dry shade is a tough environment for most plants, but Boulder Raspberry thrives there. Also tolerant of full sun, you will find this shrub on Rocky Mountain slopes and ravines at elevations between 4,500 feet and 9,000 feet.



Growing 3-5 feet tall with a 6-foot spread, this durable plant produces small reddish-purple raspberry-like fruit that, while edible, are not that pleasant to the taste. That said, birds love them! Bright green-lobed leaves turn yellow in the fall, and the arching, thornless branches are covered with an exfoliating, cinnamon-colored bark which provides great winter interest. This plant can become fuller and denser in appearance if old canes are pruned out every few years.

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**Board Update**

Only seven months remain until Day One (January 3, 2022) of the recent voter-approved Inclusion of CPNMD's water and wastewater utilities with those of PWSD.

As part of the Inclusion-transition process, **PLEASE JOIN US** for one of two informal information sessions PWSD's District Manager Ron Redd and his fantastic staff will host (weather permitting) for CPNMD residents:

- Date: **Thursday, June 17, 2021**
- Morning Session: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Afternoon Session: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Location: Rueter-Hess Reservoir
- Address: Look for directions and a map with your June 2021 water bill.

Grab your hats, visors, and sunscreen, bring your Inclusion-related questions, and join us for light refreshments — including an assortment of Mini-Bundts from our own Castle Pines Bundt Shoppe! Come check out the hiking trails, including the newly completed Incline Challenge Trail, and learn more about PWSD's state-of-the-art AMI water meters, Rueter-Hess Reservoir, the renewable water it stores, and the recreational opportunities it provides.



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