



2013 Commercial Restricted Water Budget Application

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Large properties with over 1 acre of irrigated turf may qualify for a permit to irrigate outside of the 2 day per week watering schedule if the following conditions are met:

1. Demonstrate that the irrigation system cannot appropriately irrigate the property's entire turf area in 32 hours per week (2 days per week between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.).
2. Follow a monthly water budget that is designed to reduce irrigation water use to **20 percent below** average historical turf water requirement (ET) in the Thornton area. Thornton staff will provide the water budget and historical water use data for comparison.

Restricted Water Budget Permit Fee: \$400 per property. After Step 4 below, please send the check, made out to City of Thornton, to City of Thornton, Water Resources Division, Attn: Donna Moreno, 9500 Civic Center Drive, Thornton, CO 80229.

The first notice of a restricted water budget violation is a written warning to the property contacts. The maximum fine for water use above the designated water budget is \$1,000 per irrigation meter and revocation of the permit. Water Waste (water flowing off of the property and down the street; broken irrigation components): 1st Notice - Written Warning; 2nd Notice - \$200 fine; 3rd Notice - \$500 fine; 4th Notice - \$1,000 fine.

Permit Process

1. Send property information to info@ThorntonWater.com. Provide:
 - a. Property map, with turf and planting bed irrigated areas delineated. Thornton staff will create a map on ArcGIS using the information provided. Turf and planting bed irrigated areas will be calculated.
 - b. Square footage of irrigated landscape (if you have it).
 - c. Account numbers for all meters that provide irrigation water.
 - d. Contact information of all property managers/owners and landscape irrigation managers that will be reviewing the water budget.
2. Property's water usage from 2010 – 2012, in a spreadsheet. Thornton staff will compile water use information if you do not have it.
3. Thornton staff will create a water budget in spreadsheet format for turf and planting bed areas. You will have a chance to comment on the draft Water Budget.
4. The above information will be provided to the City of Thornton's contractor, Irrigation Analysis (<http://irrigationanalysis.com/>), and you will be contacted by them for a site visit/meeting to review the Restricted Water Budget process and complete the permit application.
5. If permit is approved, an Irrigation Analysis representative will provide the required permit signs to post on the property. The signs should be prominently displayed but must not be placed in any Right of Way.

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