



# FALCON HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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## < FHMD Board Meeting >

The next Falcon Highlands Metropolitan District Board will hold a special meeting on March 19th at 5:30PM at the Falcon Fire Station #3. The Agenda will be posted on the Web Site and the Message Boards. Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

## < Weed Control & Landscaping >

FHMD Board is taking a new approach to weed control. Instead of hiring a temporary employee to weed wack the cracks in the street and physically pull weeds in the rock beds at the park we have contracted a professional landscaping firm to come out and apply chemical weed control to those areas. Timberline Landscaping will be contracted to apply weed control agents after the rainy season subsides—typically summer. We may elect to supplement the chemical weed control with other methods of weed reduction as necessary. We are hoping to improve the appearance of the park and common areas surrounding our community.

## < GOCO Grant Update >

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) GOCO invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. Their independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The Local Park & Outdoor Recreation (LPOR) grants up to \$45K are awarded to help fund local park & playground projects of \$60K or less. The FHMD Board submitted a GOCO Grant application in November 2017 for a project to fund the addition of playground equipment designed for children ages 5-12 years old. This new equipment will supplement the equipment already in place. The grant application has been accepted and is under review. GOCO will announce the results of their grant award program in April 2018.

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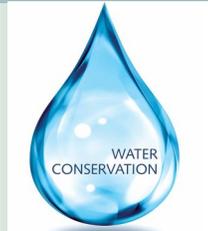


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### < Home Water Conservation Suggestions >

#### **1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks**

A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.

#### **2. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket**

Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue or other small bit of trash, five to seven gallons of water is wasted.

#### **3. Check your toilets for leaks**

Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

#### **4. Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks**

Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

#### **5. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators**

Inexpensive [water-saving low-flow shower heads](#) or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Also, long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute.

You can easily install a [ShowerStart](#) showerhead, or add a ShowerStart [converter](#) to existing showerheads, which automatically pauses a running shower once it gets warm.

Also, all household faucets should be fitted with [aerators](#). This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest!

#### **6. Take shorter showers.**

One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

#### **7. Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush**

There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.

#### **8. Rinse your razor in the sink**

Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.

#### **9. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads**

Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings.

With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New En-