# HELP DURING



# WE NEED YOUR HELP:

STOP OUTDOOR WATER USE OCT. 1

# **HORSETOOTH OUTLET PROJECT**



Outdoor water restrictions begin Oct. 1 to help manage the water available to our community due to the drought conditions, Cameron Peak Fire and Horsetooth Outlet Project (HOP) maintenance.

### **WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?**

HOP is an important infrastructure project on the outlet that provides water to the Fort Collins Utilities and Soldier Canyon water treatment facilities.

The project will strengthen Horsetooth Reservoir water delivery infrastructure for the future. Because the Cameron Peak Fire could affect water quality in the Poudre River during future runoff seasons, it's crucial to complete this maintenance now.

#### WHY RESTRICTIONS?

To lower risks to our community, we need all customers to reduce water use to winter (indoor) levels a little early this year. During HOP, Utilities will have limited access to water supplies in Horsetooth and will rely on the Poudre River and a temporary backup system.

The backup system can be used if fire runoff or other issues impact the Poudre River during HOP. However, this system can only deliver enough water to meet our community's typical winter (indoor) water demands and not irrigation or other summer uses.

#### WHAT'S RESTRICTED?

Starting Oct. 1, everyone needs to do their part by following the restrictions listed at *fcgov.com/water-restrictions*. Save the most water by stopping these restricted activities:

- Stop lawn watering.
- Don't wash your vehicle at home.
- Sweep leaves and dirt instead of pressure washing.

Trees, gardens for food production and other landscape areas may be watered by hand or drip systems.

#### **ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS?**

Exceptions to the lawn watering restriction may be made for athletic/active fields for health and safety purposes and new lawn installations.

Utilities customers can apply for exception permits online at *fcgov.com/water-permits*.

## **STAY UPDATED**

- HOP Information: fcgov.com/HOP, hop@fcgov.com, 970-416-8040
- Restrictions: fcgov.com/water-restrictions, savewater@fcgov.com, 970-416-8040
- Fire-Related Water Quality: fcgov.com/utilities/2020-wildfires

