

Cordillera Valley Club Property Owners Association Newsletter

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Bears Rising Early This Year

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) is reporting early sightings of bears across Colorado due to the warm spring temperatures. With forecasts of continued warm temperatures CDOW expects this trend to continue. As of this date, there have not been sightings in Cordillera.

Cordillera property owners are reminded that the number one cause of encounters with bears continues to be the pursuit of human garbage and food. Early season issues (mistakes) seem to create bad habits for the bears. Bears that attempt to enter homes, or that do enter homes, will most likely be re-located or euthanized. The following reminders may help minimize these encounters.

Bird feeders, hummingbird feeders and feeding pets outdoors are prohibited. Bears will go to great lengths to access bird feeders. Note that feeding of all wildlife is prohibited by Cordillera and CDOW. While it may attract wildlife to your property, this activity will eventually attract less desirable wildlife such as skunks, turkeys, mountain lions and coyotes. Do not store food or garbage in vehicles. Bears do break into vehicles to access food and the result is not good!

Lower level windows and doors should be kept closed and secured, especially while cooking and baking. Doors with lever style handles should be dead bolted. Bears have walked into many homes using lever door handles.

Garbage must be stored in bear resistant containers inside of garages. No trash containers are allowed outdoors. Garbage may be at the street the day of pick up from 7 am to 7 pm. All trash and garbage must be inside of the containers and the lids must be completely closed. CPOA offers "Community Dumpsters" behind the maintenance facility on Carterville Road, so Property Owners may dispose of odiferous trash and garbage.

Bears showing interest in your property should be discouraged. Make loud noises and throw water or rocks. Public Safety uses air horns. You may also contact Public Safety who can use rubber buckshot to scare away bears.

Please report encounters with bears to Cordillera Public Safety at 970-926-2335.

Information from Eagle River Water and Sanitation District

ERW&SD IS ASKING ALL RESIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS!

Colorado's high country snow pack is the reservoir of water that sustains the water flow in mountain streams and rivers throughout the year. **The 2011-2012 winter snow pack is the lowest on record in the Eagle River basin.** Drought conditions are predicted throughout Colorado this summer and could be severe in our area due to the lack of precipitation, higher than normal temperatures, and windy conditions. The District is monitoring these conditions closely as they impact streamflows in local waterways, which serve as our water supply.

The current water restrictions remain in place. **If your house number is an odd number, you may water your landscaping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If your house number is an even number, you may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.** No one may water on Monday. You may water **before 10:00AM** or **after 4:00PM** on your designated days.

- **If drought conditions persist, the ERW&SD may impose further restrictions WITHOUT WARNING.**
- **The District's priorities remain:**
 1. **Public Safety and Fire Protection**
 2. **Public Health and Essential Indoor Water Use**
 3. **Local Economic Health through Protection of Recreation and Tourism**

Visit www.erwsd.org for more information or call them at 970-476-7480

NOTE: The Colorado Noxious Weed Law requires homeowners to remove Canada Thistle if it is present on your property. Eagle County is charged with enforcing this law.

Cordillera 2012 Fine Arts Show

When: Saturday July 21st 10am -6pm and Sunday July 22nd 8:30am – 3pm
Where: Cordillera Town Center, 360 Carterville Road

Free Wine 5-6 pm on Saturday

Free Resident Breakfast 8:30-10am on Sunday
Featuring Chef Richard Bailey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON ATTENDING!

WILD FIRES COME EARLY!



Early season warm temperatures and melting snow should serve as a reminder to Cordillera Property Owners that precautions should be taken to protect your home from wildfires before a fire occurs. Should a fire occur, fire fighters will focus their efforts on those properties that are most defensible.

Early season wildfires can be especially volatile as trees and shrubs have yet to green and dead material from the previous fall is plentiful. Shrubs that have yet to go green at this time of year, such as oak brush and serviceberry, emit fifty foot flames if they burn! Cordillera property owners should review their properties and maintain the wildfire mitigation they have already performed.

The two most significant features affecting your property's ability to survive a wildfire include the defensible space and the roofing material. Defensible space helps minimize the direct impact of a fire to your home and provides a safety zone for fire fighters. Bushes and shrubs should be kept to a minimum, especially under windows where direct heat could ignite interior furnishings. Dead and down combustible material should be removed. Clear out dead leaves and grass, especially under and around wooden decks. Evergreens should be limbed up one to two feet. Remove dead grass and leaves from under your shrubs and trees. Cut low hanging dead limbs.

Wildfires create sparks that travel long distances and create spot fires, sometimes on roofs. Remove combustible debris, such as dead leaves and pine needles, from roofs.

Property Owners who desire further information may contact Mr. Bill Wentworth who can meet with the owner at the property. Mr. Wentworth may be contacted at (970)306-3632 or bwentworth@cordillerametro.org.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are given an hour's notice to evacuate in case of fire or other emergency, make a list of all the things you would like to take with you (important papers, computer, photo albums, small family heirlooms, etc.) that will fit in your car. Keep the list handy.

Tips to Keep Your Appliances Running Smoothly

1. **Clean the interior of your dishwasher.** If you have dishes coming out with a white chalky film on them, this is probably related to hard water and not the dishwasher. If you have never used it, pick up some [Dishwasher Magic](#) and you'll be happy with the results.

Find more info here: www.ehow.com/dishwasher_cleaning

2. **Clean the condenser coils on your refrigerator.** These are located underneath on the front or in the back. Simply remove the toe kick or remove the back cover. Use a brush, rag, or vacuum to remove the build up of dust, hair and dirt.

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3. **Have the interior of your dryer cleaned for safety and optimal performance.** Your dryer is the most dangerous appliance in your home. It's recommended every 1 - 3 years to have your dryer taken apart thoroughly and cleaned out by a qualified service technician.

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