

Wet Spring and Summer Landscaping

The wet seasonal spring weather has affected summer landscaping operations for Stonegate Village Metropolitan District. When addressing potential summer weather drought conditions, the District is extremely excited and happy about our recent spring rainfall. However, like much of Colorado, the District received over 11" inches of rain during a three month period from March through May making this one of our wettest springs ever! Our District parks, open spaces and landscape areas have all benefited from the extra spring rainfall, giving us lush greenbelts, flowers and plant growth. With our green lawns and turf areas, District residents soon realized they too had to mow more frequently during the spring and early summer. Our District landscaping operations were no different, and we're mowing our grass and park areas twice as much as last year, and often the weather conditions made it too wet to mow.



The District staff and contractors worked diligently to address the rapid grass, turf and plant growth, as well as take care of other related issues as a result of the heavy spring rainfall. Through the summer months of June and July, the District is now working to catch-up and get back on track with the regular landscape schedule and ground maintenance plan. However, some of the

District's regularly scheduled spring landscape maintenance items were delayed or stopped due to the wet weather, which include:

- Spring spraying of herbicides for weed control.
- Tree and shrub replacement program, removal of dead or dying plants.
- Maintenance and revitalizing of mulched flower and plant beds.
- Fence maintenance, including basic repairs, power washing and staining.



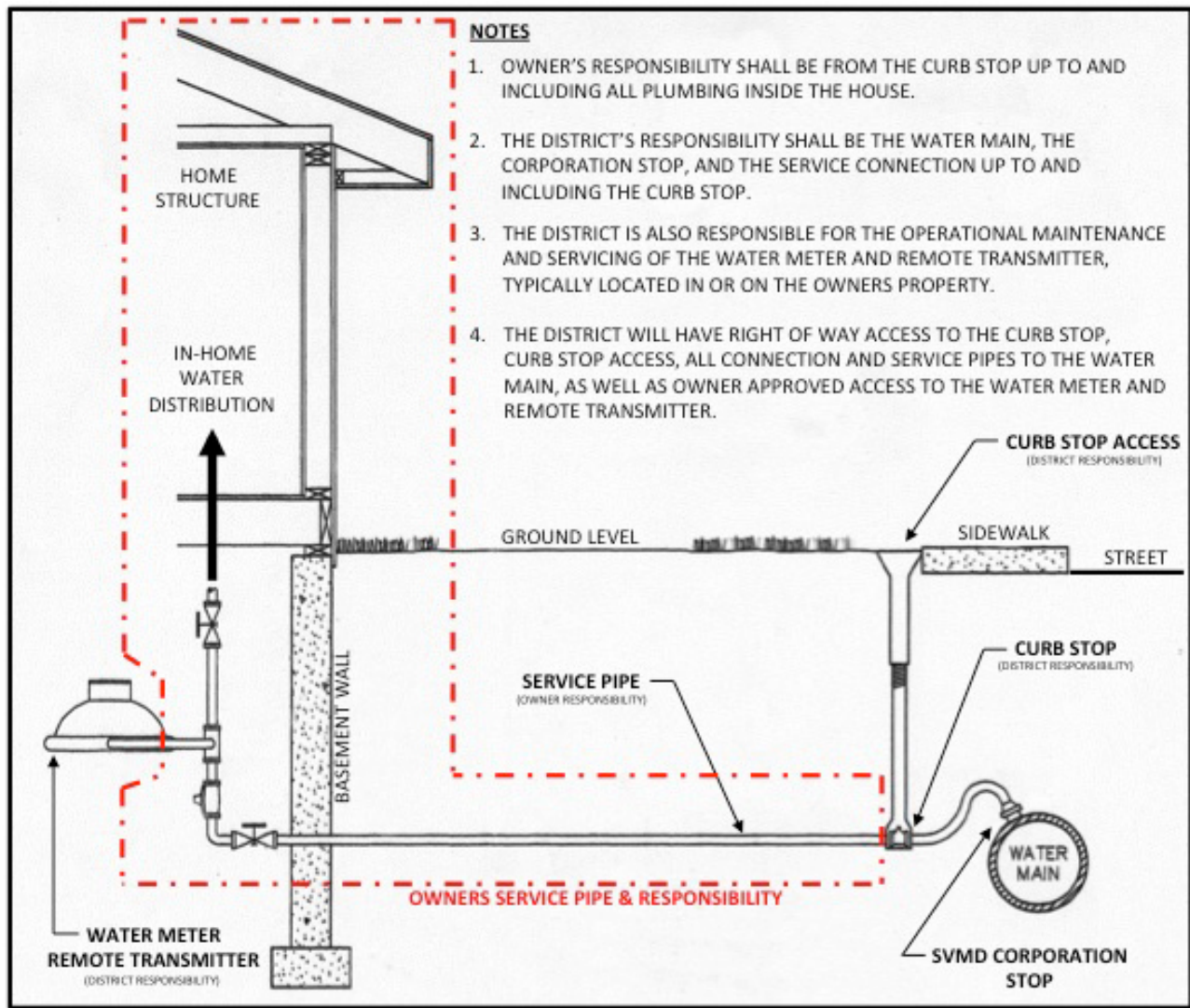
Recently, the District staff and contractors have been working with the Urban Drainage Authority, to address and improve any standing water areas to help minimize insect and weed control issues. In 2013, the Stonegate Village Metropolitan District completed construction and renovation of the Newlin Gulch, which provides drainage way and channel stabilization for Rueter-Hess Dam and Reservoir drainage, as well as water flows through our District.

These improvements included significant bank along the gulch areas, replacement of drainage check structures with formal three and four foot grouted boulder drop structures, the addition of riprap protection at sanitary sewer easement locations, and improvements to some existing trails and boardwalk crossing areas throughout the gulch areas. Designed as a natural habitat, Newlin Gulch will be maintained as prescribed by the Urban Drainage Authority Engineers and Botanists. Therefore, District landscaping operations will cut and maintain the grasses along fenced areas and trails as needed, and the natural grass areas will be minimally maintained in order to function as designed.

District and Property Owner Water Service Responsibilities

Each District property owner or resident has responsibilities with regard to their water supply system, and understanding when and where the property owner's responsibility starts and begins is very important. Specific guidelines on the District's and property owner's responsibilities are outlined in the District's Water Systems Rules and Regulations. Understanding the dividing point between District and service lines that are the responsibility of the property owner is described in the diagram below. In short, the District supplies water through an underground water main and distribution system. The district resident or owner's responsibility shall be from the curb stop (which is typically, located underground next or adjacent to the sidewalk along the street), up to and including all plumbing and fixtures inside the house. The District's responsibility shall be the water main, the corporation stop, and the service lines up to and including the curb stop. The District is also responsible for the operational maintenance and servicing of the water meter and remote transmitter, which is typically located in or on the owner's property. Additionally, the District will have right of way access to the curb stop, the curb stop access, all connection and service pipes to the water main, as well as owner approved access to the water meter and remote transmitter.

Water Service Responsibilities Diagram



The Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, located in unincorporated Douglas County, Colorado, is an independent entity; a separate organization from the Stonegate Homeowners Association is responsible for four important services for residents and commercial businesses, which include Water and Wastewater, Recreational Facilities, Maintenance of Open Space & Public Landscapes and Drainage-Way Maintenance. Contact the District Manager for more information on Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, and on the many other District projects and programs supporting the community. Please visit the District website at www.svmd.org or call 303-858-9909, or mail us at Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, 7995 E. Prentice Ave, Suite 103E, Greenwood Village, CO 80111.