



# Stormwater Management Program News

## First Quarter 2021

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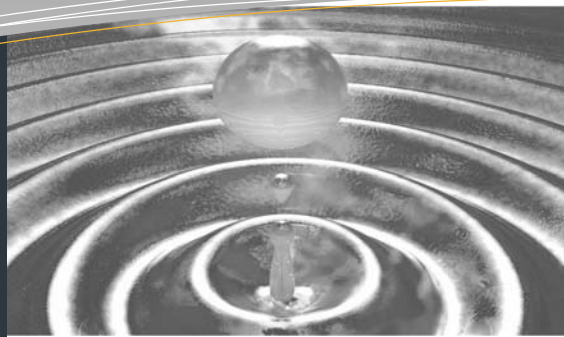
### Winter Stormwater Tips

Place snow shoveled from sidewalks and driveways onto your lawn or landscaped areas. As the snow melts it will provide extra water for the area rather than running down the street into the nearest storm drain, carrying trash and pollutants with it to local waterways.

Businesses with parking lots should make sure plowed snow is not piled on top of storm drains. Snow piled on top of storm drains could prevent runoff from the parking lot entering the drain which could lead to icy areas if the runoff puddles and re-freezes.

Use deicer sparingly; sweep up excess deicer and dispose of it in the garbage. Consider using non-chloride, non-sodium chloride or low/mixed chloride deicers which are friendlier to pavement and the environment.

Remember: irrigation ditches usually begin to run in April. Make sure any irrigation lateral ditches or pipes along your property are cleared of debris and sediment before the main irrigation ditches are filled.



### Your Stormwater Utility Fee at Work

#### **Meet the new Stormwater Maintenance Crew**

On April 1, 2020, the revenue generated from the annual Stormwater Utility Fee increase was earmarked for the lease/purchase of a new vac truck and to fund two new positions for storm sewer infrastructure maintenance. The new VACALL vac truck arrived at the beginning of the year. The new truck has a recycled water tank which saves on the cost of water used to clean the storm infrastructure by filtering the water and recycling it for reuse. This decreases the time spent in dumping the truck and refilling it with water, allowing more time to be spent on actual cleaning. The vac truck is also equipped with a video camera to facilitate inspections of storm sewer pipes.

Two positions were created within the City Streets Department to perform the maintenance of the storm sewer infrastructure. Derrick Holt has been hired as the Stormwater Field Supervisor. Derrick had been employed with the City Streets Department for 5 years, serving as the Asphalt Crew Leader for the last 4.5 years. Jeff Aldahl has been hired as the Stormwater Maintenance Technician. Jeff had been employed with City Water Distribution Department as a Utility Maintenance Worker for the last 4 years. Both Derrick and Jeff have previous experience with vac trucks and are currently training on the new truck.





The Stormwater Maintenance Crew will focus first on high priority areas and addressing complaints. A maintenance schedule will be developed to ensure all City-owned stormwater infrastructure is regularly cleaned and maintained. Privately-owned storm sewer infrastructure and driveway culverts will not be cleaned by the City Stormwater Maintenance crew. Sections of irrigation laterals which pass under City streets, along with any associated irrigation boxes or clean-outs on each side of the street will be included in the regular maintenance schedule; irrigation laterals along private property will not be included.

If you suspect a storm drain, pipe or culvert may be clogged, please contact the Stormwater Coordinator at 719-240-5325 so maintenance can be scheduled. Or a report can be filed on-line using the SeeClickFix app at <https://crm.seeclickfix.com>.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In November 2018 City Council approved borrowing \$8 million through issuance of Certificates of Participation to fund a stormwater capital improvement project with specific projects.

In January 2019, a Stormwater Project Prioritization Committee met several times to produce a list of priority projects to present to City Council. Following are the projects which were approved, along with the project status.

**Dawson Ranch Culverts:**  
Have been completed.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street – US Highway 50 to  
Mystic Ave:**  
Has been completed.

**Abbey Drainage and Rhodes  
Ave:**  
Design plans are complete. The projected start of the project is Fall 2021.

**WPA Drainage – Water Street  
to Kountz Ave:**  
Design plans are complete. The projected start of the project is Fall 2021.

### Dates to Remember February – April, 2021.

- February 2: World Wetlands Day
- March 3: World Wildlife Day
- March 21: International Day of Forests
- March 22: World Water Day
- April 22: Earth Day



*“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.” – John Muir*

Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either 276-5265 or [grdebekker@canoncity.org](mailto:grdebekker@canoncity.org).