

# Your Town News From Around the Rock Talk

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## GOOD TO KNOW

### Workshops help residents be Water Wiser

Statistics show that incorporating the tips and techniques learned in Castle Rock Water's Water Wiser workshops is one of the most effective methods to conserve water around your home.

The interactive, in-person workshops teach customers how to detect water waste in their yards and how to improve their irrigation systems.

Along with explaining cycle and soak and the importance of sprinkler heads, the workshop will cover the best products and tips to conserve indoors, too. The workshop is about making conservation easy while increasing plant health, reducing household maintenance and not disrupting quality of life.

The "Water Wiser" designation is a prerequisite for residential rebates like turf renovation, irrigation products and ultra-high-efficiency toilets. The designation is valid for five years. So, participants who took the class before 2017 will need to take a renewal course to maintain, or reinstate, their designation. Water Wiser workshops run from early April through late September. The workshops are free, but registration is required.

The Water Wiser workshop schedule and registration, as well as other educational courses, can be found at [CRconserve.com/WaterWiser](http://CRconserve.com/WaterWiser).

## Annual Town roadwork projects begin in April

It's just about time for the Pavement Maintenance Program to hit the road for another season of refreshing our roadways and extending the life of our streets. This year, annual roadwork will focus on southern Castle Rock, which includes Crystal Valley and Plum Creek. If your home is located in these areas, you will receive a notification on your front door 48-72 hours prior to work beginning on your street.

In 2022, \$18.5 million is dedicated to the program, which is anticipated to improve 123 total lane miles in southern Castle Rock. Roadwork is expected to begin in April. Learn more about the Town's Pavement Maintenance Program and view an interactive map of each region to see what work will be done in 2022 and beyond at [CRgov.com/PMP](http://CRgov.com/PMP).

Join us for an open house from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Public Works Service Center, 4175 Castleton Court, to meet with the Public Works Department, ask questions and learn about roadwork coming to your neighborhood.

View the interactive Pavement Maintenance Program treatment progress tracker for updates on upcoming and completed roadwork. Check out the map online at [CRgov.com/PMPTracker](http://CRgov.com/PMPTracker).

## Town offers seasonal and permanent positions

Support the Town you love by joining the team as a seasonal or permanent employee. There are a variety of positions to appeal to almost everyone.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers positions from lifeguards, summer camp counselors, event planners to park maintenance.

Positions for summer camp counselors and athletic officials are a good match if you enjoy working with youth and being outside.

If you prefer plants and parks, try joining the team that keeps our beautiful, award-winning parks exquisite. The Parks Division is seeking park maintenance seasonal employees who will be responsible for general park maintenance, mowing, trimming, field maintenance, landscaping, irrigation and snow removal, trash removal, and event set-up.

The Town has several full-time positions available, including in the Public Works and Water departments. A competitive salary and excellent benefits package is included with these critical positions. The Town is always looking for people to exhibit our mission "Achieving the community vision through excellence, dedication and service."

Find a full list of positions, go to [CRgov.com/Jobs](http://CRgov.com/Jobs).



## Rebates reward water wise residents

Castle Rock Water's rebates for water efficiency products are making an impact, and Town Council is putting more money behind the program.

Water customers are seeing between 19% and 29% outdoor water savings when replacing high-water turf with a low-water option. For turf removal, customers can now get \$1.20 per square foot, up from \$1.10. Customers are also encouraged to replace their toilets with an ultra-high-efficiency one that reduces gallons per flush by one-third or more. The rebate is \$100 per toilet. Castle Rock Water recycles old toilets through a partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities where the porcelain is ground into road material. Rebates for whole home monitoring systems, smart controllers and rotary nozzles are also available.

Funding for the rebate program, which is budgeted for \$145,000 this year, primarily comes from water waste violations and excessive use charges. Get more information, or apply for a rebate, at [CRconserve.com/Rebates](http://CRconserve.com/Rebates) or [CRgov.com/Rebates](http://CRgov.com/Rebates).

## EVENTS [CRgov.com/Events](http://CRgov.com/Events)

**March 1: Town Council meeting,**  
6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers.

**March 13: Daylight saving time begins.**

**March 15: Town Council meeting,**  
6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers.

**March 19: ShamROCK Stampede,**  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Douglas County  
Events Center.

**March 24: PMP open house,** 4:30 to  
6 p.m., Public Works Service Center,  
4175 Castleton Court.

## Be in the know about snow; from plowing to clearing ice from gutters

As every Coloradoan knows, spring means more snow! From March 15 to Nov. 15, snow accumulation on residential streets must total 8 inches before being cleared by plows, due to warmer temperatures. For the rest of the year, totals must reach 4 inches before residential areas are plowed.

Keeping your sidewalks free and clear of ice and snow enhances the walkability of our community. Remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 48 hours of each snow event with 2 inches or more of accumulation. If you live on a corner, snow removal is required on both sidewalks – in the front and on the side of your property. Residents should also keep curbs and gutters free of ice, to allow drainage and prevent buildup.

Visit [CRgov.com/Snow](http://CRgov.com/Snow) for more information on how the Town manages snow.

## Keep wildlife in mind this season: Tips on living in harmony

Abundant wildlife is one of the many reasons why Castle Rock is such a great community. As we share our surroundings with wildlife, there are steps you can take to take to avoid conflicts:

- Bear, coyote, bobcat and mountain lion attacks on humans are rare. Unexpected encounters with wildlife can be prevented by talking or making noise to warn them of your presence.
- If you encounter a wild animal, stay calm, and don't run away. Look as large as possible, don't turn your back, make a lot of noise and move away slowly.



- Keeping dogs leashed and controlled, and not allowing pets to roam outside by themselves, especially at night, helps prevent conflicts between pets and wildlife.
- Never feed wildlife. Don't leave pet food outside or leave trash out overnight. Getting access to food or trash is unhealthy for wildlife and can cause them to become aggressive or even dangerous.

Being mindful of wildlife will help everyone live in harmony. More information about wildlife in our community is available at [CRgov.com/Wildlife](http://CRgov.com/Wildlife).



Water conservation and efficiency tip:  
[CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com)

An estimated 10% of us have a leak in our home or business right now and are contributing to the nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted annually nationwide. Fix a Leak Week, March 14-20, is the perfect reminder to check that primary leaking culprit, the toilet. Or better yet, use the Castle Rock Water rebate program to replace those toilets with ultra-high-efficiency ones. Visit [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com) for help finding leaks, rebate applications and more conservation tips.



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[CRgov.com](http://CRgov.com)

### Development newsletter keeps you informed

Get all the details about construction in Town. Development Highlights is a monthly newsletter that provides Castle Rock residents and business owners information about current and proposed development projects throughout Town. Sign up for informative emails at [CRgov.com/NotifyMe](http://CRgov.com/NotifyMe).