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We Want to Hear from You!

Effective communication is a two-way street, and your voice is important to us at the Edwards Metropolitan District. Whether it's sharing your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or celebrating what makes our community special, we want to stay connected with you!

In addition to newsletters, e-blasts, and District events, we're excited to invite YOU to contribute to our upcoming newsletters and website by submitting your own photos! Do you have a favorite scenic shot of Edwards, a fun community moment, or a project that showcases sustainable living? We'd love to feature your pictures!

Please send your photos, along with a brief description, to

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For any other thoughts or feedback, you can also reach us by phone at 970-926-6060 ext. 107. Your input and creativity help us serve the community better and highlight what makes Edwards such a great place to live!

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing your beautiful photos!

A Letter from the Board

Dear Edwards Residents,

As we welcome the warmer days of spring, we're pleased to share updates on the work your Metropolitan District has been doing to support a vibrant, safe, and connected community. 2025 is an election year for the District, and Board member Joanna Kerwin was reelected while Bill Simmons was elected to fill the vacancy left by outgoing board member Tracy Erickson, who has served the community diligently for over 16 years. We are grateful for Tracy's valuable contributions to the District. We welcome both returning Director Kerwin and Director Simmons—who previously served on the Edwards Metro District Board—as they each bring valuable experience and deep ties to our community.

This season, we've continued to expand wildfire mitigation efforts through our Chipping Program and free REALFire® home wildfire risk assessments (new for 2025—details below). Thanks to the efforts of the District and Eagle Valley Wildland, Edwards has officially been recognized as a Firewise USA® community—an important step in protecting our homes and landscapes from wildfire. Let your homeowners insurance company know you are living in a Firewise USA community - it may contribute to a rate reduction on your premium.

As mosquito season approaches, we're partnering with Vector Disease Control International to monitor and treat problem areas for mosquitoes, with a strong focus on early action larva control to minimize the use of insecticides.

In addition, we've renewed our partnership with Shift Bike to increase access to e-bikes and help reduce vehicle traffic. We're still offering a



\$200 rebate for qualifying residents who purchase a new e-bike.

Our annual Hard-to-Recycle & Shredding Event is scheduled for June 13 from 2 to 6 PM at the west side of the Edwards Field House. This year's event will include expanded services—now accepting electronics, batteries, and more—to make it easier for residents to dispose of items responsibly.

We've also continued our partnership with Eagle County Open Space and CDOT to install bear-proof trash cans throughout the District, helping to reduce wildlife conflicts and keep our natural surroundings safe for both people and animals.

As always, we want to hear from you. If you have feedback, ideas, or would like to contribute a scenic photo of Edwards for Edwards Quarterly newsletter, please reach out on our contact page [HERE](#) or call 970-926-6060 ext. 107.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 PM at the Edwards Field House, with a Zoom option available.

Warm regards,
Edwards Metropolitan
District Board of Directors

ELECTION RESULTS

Elected New Board Members

In the May 6, 2025 regular election, Joanna Kerwin and Bill Simmons were elected to four-year terms on the Edwards Metropolitan District Board of Directors. Both bring valuable experience in public service and have previously served on the EMD Board. Director Kerwin was re-elected, while Director Simmons returns after his last term ended in 2020.

Official vote totals are as follows:

Joanna P. Kerwin
132 VOTES

Bill Simmons
105 VOTES

Daned Kirkham
39 VOTES

Grant Smith
39 VOTES

Sofia Fecchino
32 VOTES

Thank you to all the candidates and community members who participated in the election.

To learn more about them and the rest of the Board, please visit EMD Website [HERE](#)



Edwards Fire Mitigation

Chipping

The Edwards Curbside Chipping Program is back for the season, providing a convenient way to dispose of tree branches and shrubs while helping with wildfire mitigation. EMD has partnered with Eagle Valley Wildland to support this effort, ensuring a safer and more fire-resilient community.

The first chipping collection for the season is set for May 11. Subsequent collections typically occur during the third week of each month, with piles needing to be stacked by the Sunday before the scheduled pickup week. All piles should be picked up by Friday afternoon of that week. If any piles are missed, residents can contact Eagle Valley Wildland at www.eagleriverfire.org. Monthly chipping schedules will be posted on their [Facebook](#) page.

Residents can participate by stacking tree branches, shrubs, and small logs neatly by the roadside before their scheduled collection week.

Materials must be free of grass clippings, leaves, construction debris, treated wood, and metal which will not be accepted.

This free service is an important part of community fire safety efforts.

Home Assessments

In 2025, the program has expanded to include home assessments for all houses within EMD. These evaluations will be conducted on a three-year rotation, with neighborhoods scheduled accordingly.

For 2025, evaluation and planning have been finalized, with assessments in Eastern Homestead (Gold Dust) and Bull-Run scheduled for completion. The assessments will be conducted by Eagle Valley Wildland, and no scheduling will be required from homeowners. While homeowner presence is welcomed, it will not be necessary. All residential structures in the area are expected to be evaluated by September 2025,

with reports made available by mid-October.

Firewise Certification

We are excited to remind you that Edwards Metropolitan District has been officially recognized as a Firewise USA® community by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This certification highlights our commitment to reducing wildfire risks, which began in 2024 with a \$50,000 investment and a partnership with Eagle Valley Wildland.

The Firewise USA® program encourages residents to work together to minimize wildfire risks. Achieving this certification involved proactive steps like creating defensible spaces around homes, using fire-resistant building materials, and educating the community on wildfire preparedness. It's a major milestone for the District, acknowledging both completed actions and ongoing efforts.

We look forward to continuing our efforts in making Edwards a safer and more resilient place to live.



Controlling Edwards Mosquito Population

As the weather warms up, mosquito season is just around the corner! This year, EMD has once again contracted with Vector Disease Control International (VCDI) to help mitigate mosquito issues. With spring runoff increasing and snowmelt filling low-lying areas, now is the time to take action.

Regular monitoring will be conducted in active mosquito areas, including walk-throughs and larva testing to identify and address mosquito presence as early as possible. Throughout the summer, additional efforts will include nighttime applications targeted at specific areas and neighborhoods. This year, treatments will focus on Villas at Brett Ranch, South Fork Meadows, Lake Creek Village and Old Edwards Estates.

For specific questions, please contact the MOSQUITOLINE® CUSTOMER RESPONSE SYSTEM. VDCI provides a twenty-four-hour toll-free customer access telephone number for mosquito complaints, service and information requests, and reports of potential breeding habitats.

Residents can also receive:

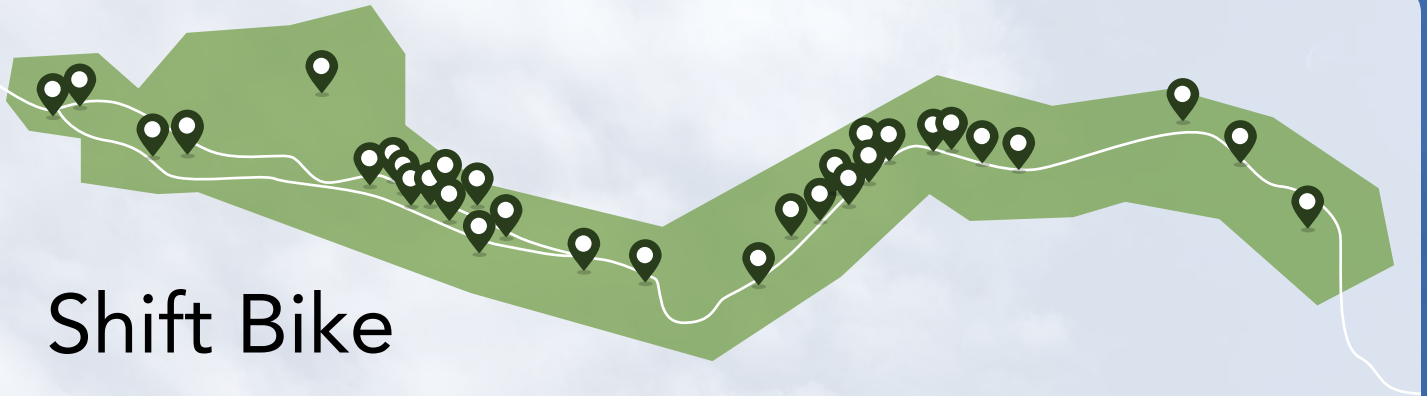
- Information about mosquito biology and source reduction of mosquito habitats
- Details on program components, operations, and monitoring
- Updates on seasonal West Nile virus activity
- Personal protection options for mosquito annoyances and West Nile virus risk

- Reports about mosquitoes and possible larval mosquito habitats
- Requests for larvicide applications
- Opt-out options for adulticide spraying via a shut-off list
- Notifications when adulticide spraying is planned in their neighborhood
- Health and safety information about mosquito control operations and pesticide products used in the area

These proactive measures help reduce mosquito populations and minimize the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses. Stay tuned for updates as the season progresses!

TOLL-FREE: (877) 276-4306

LOCAL: (970) 641-4249



Shift Bike

EMD has partnered with Shift Bike for another year to provide convenient e-bike access throughout Edwards. E-bike stations are located at Riverwalk, Colorado Mountain College, Brett Ranch, Edwards Mobile Home, and Edwards Field House. This service is perfect for eco-friendly transportation, and residents can easily rent and return bikes at any of these stations.

To get started, sign up through the Shift Bike app. For more details, visit the official Shift E-bike page [HERE](#)

Have you recently purchased an e-bike and are a resident of Edwards Metropolitan District? Great news! You may qualify for a \$200 rebate. See last page for more details!



Bear-Proof Trash Cans Installed in Edwards

In a collaborative effort to reduce human-bear conflicts, the Edwards Metro District, Eagle County Open Space and Natural Resources Department, and Core Transit have installed 39 bear-proof trash cans throughout Eagle County. This initiative was funded by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Community Grant Program, with additional contributions from Edwards Metro District and Core Transit.

Key locations in Edwards receiving these new bear-resistant containers include Wilmore Lake, the New York Mountain Overlook, the CDOT Rest Area, and various transit stops. These installations aim to minimize wildlife attraction to human areas, decrease bear relocations, and promote responsible waste management.

“The Edwards Metro District is proud to support Eagle County’s efforts to reduce human-bear conflicts. These new bear-proof trash cans are a simple but impactful step towards protecting our wildlife and keeping our community safe and clean,” said Joanna Kerwin, Edwards Metro District Board Member. “We are especially pleased to see these placed at key locations in Edwards, including Wilmore Lake, New York Overlook, and the CDOT Rest Area and transit locations. It’s a great example of partnership and shared responsibility between local agencies.”

As bear activity increases during warmer months, you’re encouraged to use wildlife-resistant trash containers and practice proper waste disposal to help protect local wildlife and ensure community safety.



39 bear-proof trash bins installed throughout Edwards Metro District

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Edwards Metropolitan District will host its annual Hard-to-Recycle and Shredding Event

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

Shredding

2:00 – 5:00 PM

West side of the Edwards Fieldhouse
450 Miller Ranch Road, Edwards CO 81632

Hard-to-Recycle Collection

3:00 – 6:00 PM

*e-waste recycling includes electronics, countertop appliances, tablets, cell phones, etc

We’re excited to announce that batteries will be accepted this year, but please note: special precautions must be followed before drop-off. More for information, visit EMD’s website [HERE](#)

Please also note Trinity Recycle’s expansion of their services to include comprehensive e-waste recycling. More Info [HERE](#)

Check also Eagle County Guidelines and Resources. More Info [HERE](#)





It's time for responsible water use

Responsible water use is essential—not only to protect our shared water resources but also to manage the costs of delivering this vital service. As part of our commitment to financial and environmental stewardship, the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District (ERWSD) will be communicating directly and more frequently with customers this summer to promote responsible water use.

In 2024, approximately 600 residential properties in our service area had water use in Tier 5 (more than 30,000 gallons per month) for three or more months. This level of use is excessive and unsustainable. It may indicate leaks, inefficient irrigation systems, and/or overwatering. Beyond the financial impact on customers, excessive water use strains our limited community water supply and contributes to long-term water security challenges.

As your local water providers, ERWSD and the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority (UERWA) are committed to ensuring a

reliable and resilient water supply—today and for future generations. Achieving this goal requires collective action to reduce excessive water use, which is the focus of our new conservation campaign.

This summer, we will be working directly with Tier 5, high use customers to help identify the causes of high-water use and offer practical solutions to reduce water waste. Our goal is to help customers use water more efficiently, lower their water bills, and contribute to protecting our community's water supply.

Addressing high water use now helps prevent future compliance issues and potential fines. To find out if your property falls into this high-use category, access your free WaterSmart account to view your 2024 water use and bills.

Thank you for your commitment to using our local water resources responsibly.

For more Water Conservation information, visit www.erwsd.org/water-conservation



REBATES FOR A GREENER EDWARDS

To help residents save money and live sustainably, Edwards Metropolitan District is offering a number of rebate programs to promote energy efficiency, water conservation, and green transportation. Here's a quick overview of the available rebate programs:

1

E-BIKE REBATES

Switch to a clean and energy-efficient way of getting around town with an electric bike!

WHAT: Get a rebate on the purchase of an e-bike, helping you reduce your carbon footprint while enjoying the scenic routes of Edwards.

HOW MUCH: up to \$200 for qualifying residents (limit of 2 per household).

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the [E-Bike Rebate Application](#) to learn more and apply.

2

ENERGY REBATES

Edwards Metro District, in partnership with Walking Mountains Science Center, offers a comprehensive Energy Efficiency Rebate Program to help residents and businesses reduce energy consumption and costs. This initiative provides financial incentives for various energy-efficient upgrades and equipment installations.

WHAT: Home Energy Assessments, Weatherization, Heat Pumps, Electric Fireplace, and much more!

HOW MUCH: most rebates are up to \$1,000

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the [Energy Efficiency Rebates](#) to learn more!

3

WATEREFFICIENCY REBATES

Edwards Metro District is proud to partner with the Eagle County Conservation District to bring the Beyond Lawn program to our community. This initiative assists residents in reducing outdoor water use while promoting native landscapes and biodiversity.

As part of this program, homeowners within the Edwards Metro District can receive a Landscape and Irrigation Evaluation fully covered by the District.

HOW TO APPLY: To explore all qualifying products and apply for rebates, visit [EMD's Water Efficiency Rebate Page](#).

NEW
2025!

By taking advantage of these rebates, you'll not only reduce your utility bills but also contribute to a cleaner, greener future for Edwards. Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities



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