

DCWRA awarded grant for water and money saving sprinkler retrofits in 2011

Program will create dozens of summer jobs for teen workers

Douglas County Water Resource Authority (DCWRA) recently announced a grant award of \$250,000 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to retrofit 1,000 residential yards with more efficient rotary sprinkler nozzles over the summer of 2011.

DCWRA reports the program will accomplish three major positives for Douglas County: saving water, saving homeowners money and creating dozens of new summer jobs for teenagers.

DCWRA explains that teens will work in small groups with a supervisor to replace existing, inefficient sprinkler heads with new rotary sprinkler nozzles. The teams will also audit their results and help homeowners adjust their sprinkler system clocks, which will reduce water usage while increasing watering efficiency with the new, more efficient sprinkler heads. The new rotary sprinkler nozzles are 30 percent more efficient than existing spray designs, which reduces water demand.

Partners on the 2010 pilot project include the Douglas County School District, Arapahoe Douglas Works!, the Center for Resource Conservation, and DCWRA. DCWRA members participating in the pilot project include the Town of Castle Rock, City of Lone Tree, Castle Pines Metro District, and Castle Pines North Metro District.

For more information, please visit <http://www.dewater.org/pages/sprinklers/sprinklers.html> .

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