

## **CASTLE PINES METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

Castle Pines Metropolitan District is a quasi-governmental agency and was formed in 1973 to provide essential services to the Castle Pines Village community. The District became operational in 1981 and began providing water treatment and distribution, sanitary sewer collection, roadway maintenance and storm drainage maintenance services to the households and commercial areas in the Village. The District is governed by a five-member, elected board of directors. All five of the District's directors are residents in Castle Pines Village. Director elections are held every other year on even-numbered years. Board members serve four-year terms. The day-to-day operations of the District are run by a professional staff and overseen by a general manager. The District's offices are located at 5880 Country Club Drive, and are open 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. You can reach them at [303-688-8330](tel:303-688-8330), or online at [www.castlepinesmetro.com](http://www.castlepinesmetro.com).

The District has three sources of revenue, which provide the money necessary to fund the District's services. The District sets a mill levy, or property tax rate, by December 15 each year for the coming year. The Douglas County Assessor collects all property taxes and then submits the District's portion (33.834 mills in 2007) to the District. The second source of revenue is monthly water / sewer / storm drainage charges that the District bills to all of its customers. The third source of revenue is system development fees that are assessed to owners / developers to reimburse the District for main line infrastructure installed to parcel boundaries. The District is fiscally very sound. Copies of budgets and audited financial statements are available at the District's office.

The District's water system is comprised of 9 deep aquifer wells, two water treatment plants, two water storage tanks, one booster pump station and miles of underground water pipelines, all of which the District operates, maintains and repairs. Water is pumped out of the wells, treated at the water treatment plants and then stored for our customers' use. At this time the District relies completely on water from the wells, which is groundwater. We are working to develop surface water supplies and storage capabilities for long term water viability. The District's water meets and exceeds all of the water quality requirements imposed by the State of Colorado and the EPA.

The District's sanitary sewer system is comprised of miles of underground sewer pipeline that the District maintains and repairs when needed. The actual sanitary sewer treatment is provided by Plum Creek Wastewater Authority (PCWA), which is also managed by the District. PCWA treats the sewer flows for Castle Pines Village, Castle Pines North and the Town of Castle Rock.

The District's roadway system consists of approximately 80 lane miles of paved roads throughout the Village. We provide snow removal, sanding, street

sweeping and repair services on most of the roads in the Village. Some roads were not built to the District's standards and are, therefore, not maintained by the District. Castle Pines Homes Association actually owns the land underlying the roadways, and the District operates the road surfaces pursuant to a long-standing contract between these agencies.

The District is responsible for monitoring the design and installation of storm drainage swales, channels, culverts and detention ponds that carry stormwater throughout the community. We maintain many of these facilities to control erosion processes within the community. Douglas County is the principal governor of storm drainage compliance and the two agencies work closely together to provide these services.

More detailed information about the District can be found on its website at [www.castlepinesmetro.com](http://www.castlepinesmetro.com), or by visiting the District's office.