

CASTLE PINES NORTH

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT™

Craig's Corner

Our in-house horticulturist/arborist, Craig Miller, dispenses practical advice for those seeking to simultaneously conserve water and grow thriving, high-visual-impact, drought-tolerant (xeriscape) gardens and landscapes.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WATER-SAVING REBATES!

CPNMD offers customers rebates on water-conserving irrigation equipment! Though 2021 rebate funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, please visit the homepage of our website at cpnmd.org for more information and to download the necessary rebate form. There are three categories of equipment for which our customers may seek a rebate this year:



Multi-Stream, Multi-Trajectory Rotary Nozzles - up to \$5 per nozzle, replacement only (limit 20 nozzles per household).



Wired/Wireless Rain Sensors - up to 50% of the purchase price, up to \$50 per rain sensor (limit one per household).



ET-Based Smart Irrigation Controllers - up to 50% of the cost of the controller (maximum \$300, limit one per household).

XERIC PLANT OF THE MONTH

Partridge Feather (*Tanacetum densum ssp. amani*) is grown mainly for the finely cut, silvery white foliage, which will attract the attention of everyone who sees it. Introduced from southeastern Turkey in the 1950's, it retains its foliage year round, although not as attractively in winter as during the growing season. This durable groundcover plant (6" tall, 15" - 24" wide at maturity) forms a dense carpet of foliage, topped with clusters of yellow button flowers in early summer.

It thrives in the sunniest, hottest spot you can find, but does need a well-drained soil (it does poorly in wet or humid conditions). It works well planted around Penstemon, Agastache and Salvia, or in the rock garden, where it will inch its way up and down slopes. A Plant Select® choice from 2010, this plant requires little to no irrigation once established. Hardy to 8,000 feet.

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BOARD UPDATE: Happy New Year! During our December meeting, in a milestone moment for Castle Pines' residents, we unanimously approved a **Petition Requesting Inclusion** of CPNMD's water & wastewater utilities with those of the Parker Water & Sanitation District (PWSD). Though in no way binding, said petition to PWSD begins the legal process required for a CPNMD election in May 2021. If CPNMD voters approve the proposed Inclusion in May, then the people of our community will reap the benefits of more renewable water for less money than previous administrations proposed in the CPNMD ballot measures of 2016 and 2018. Staff is diligently working to assemble and disseminate, later this month, every facet of what CPNMD customers can expect as a result of the proposed Inclusion. Separately, over a decade in the works, the \$172-million Chatfield Reservoir Expansion & Reallocation Project is complete. As a partner in that project, CPNMD owns 1,006-acre feet of water storage rights in Chatfield Reservoir. A pristine source of CPNMD's renewable water portfolio stored in Chatfield Reservoir begins its journey in the Mosquito Mountain Range of Park County, CO. At an elevation of 10,800 feet, snowpack at the Hock Hocking Mine melts and travels down the South Platte River into the reservoir. The Centennial Water & Sanitation District then treats the water. CPNMD's Hock Hocking Mine water rights are senior, and annually render a net 281-acre feet of renewable water. Between October 1 and April 30 of each year, CPNMD pumps that treated water, from Centennial, through our InterConnect Pipeline, into our water-distribution system to your home. From May 1 to September 30 of each year, CPNMD relies on its deep-water wells in the Denver Basin Aquifers System.



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