

**Columbia Rim Owners' Association**  
**Water System Standards (Adopted 05/05/18)**

**Definitions and Responsibilities**

**COLUMBIA RIM WATER SYSTEM (CRWS)**

Defined as all Main Water Lines, Wells, Water Storage Tanks, and Pressure Stations, up to the Shut-off Valve, Water Meter, and Backflow Valve, for Individual Owner's Inlet Water Lines (IOWL)

Maintenance of the above is the responsibility of the Association.

**INDIVIDUAL OWNER'S WATER LINE (IOWL)**

Defined as all Water Lines, Valves, Tanks, etc., on the owner's side of the Water Meter.

Maintenance of IOWL is the responsibility of individual owners.

**WATER SYSTEM STANDARDS**

1. All hookups to the Main Line must be approved in advance by the Association's Water Master and will be completed by the Association's Water Master. The Water Master will record all Water Lines on the Master Water Map.
2. Association Water Master will provide Shut-Off Valves, Meters, and Backflow Valves to all new hook-ups. Property Owners will be responsible for the cost of Shut-off Valve, Meter, Backflow Valves, and excavation. Water Master will provide Installation Labor.
3. All Shut-off Valves, Meters, and Backflow Valves are insulated and marked with a stake tall enough to be visible under 3 feet of snow. Property Owners shall not remove either insulation or stake.

**RECOMMENDED PRACTICES**

1. Before digging a hole or ditch, call (800) 424-5555 or 811 two working days before you plan to dig for FREE locate service (locates power and telephone lines).
2. If wet areas are noted, please notify the Water Master Immediately; there may be a leak in the water system.
4. We ask that you are conservative in your water use, both indoors and outdoors. It is recommended that outdoor watering be done with drip systems. The bylaws prohibit irrigation.
5. When you leave your home for an extended period of time, consider the steps you may want to take to protect your water system (for example, draining interior water lines and turning off your water supply.).