

January 2026 Sky Country Estates MDWCA Newsletter

The holidays are over and I hope everyone enjoyed them. Happy New Year to all.

I want to give everyone an update on our water system. In early December I sent you a status on the water system and I have to say the water issue has not gotten any better since then. Over the holiday period there was an increase in water use as was expected. Fortunately, more of the homeowners in Sky Country Estates, both permanent and part-time, were able to enjoy the holidays on the mountain. If they were expecting a white Christmas on the mountain, I'm sorry they were disappointed, but we have no control over Mother Nature.

The extra people did affect the water system and we had to purchase water and have it trucked up the mountain to make sure everyone had water. With the lack of snow the water truck was able to get up the mountain. How long before we get some snow and preventing the water truck from delivering water when needed is anyone's guess. We do need moisture and lots of it.

Our wells produce on average around 1,020 gallons per day. Our average daily water use is about the same, sometimes higher. There has not been the expected increase in well production we normally would see in the fall. In fact, it is slowly decreasing. Our reserve is the storage tank. We have been able to supplement the water supply over the December holidays by purchasing water and having it hauled up from Alamogordo. But once the snow starts, we most likely will not be able to depend on purchased water because the truck will not be able to get up on snow packed roads. At the end of this newsletter is a table of water use and production since September 1.

To get through the winter, I again urge everyone to conserve water. The alternative is no water. Yes, we produce water from the wells, but that water may not be available for everyone. For the most part, our water pressure is provided by the water in the storage tank. Without water in the storage tank, there will not be any water pressure. We can get through this if everyone does their part to conserve water. **We really don't have a choice, either conserve or go without.**

Please do not fill any personal storage tank at this time. If you absolutely need to fill a tank because that is how your system is set up, please call me first. I have many times started chasing down what I think may be a leak because of a pressure pump constantly running. Only to have the pump stop running after I have turned off sections of the system and when I turn the sections back on, the pump doesn't run again. At that point I have no idea what caused the pump to constantly run and have spent 30 to 60 minutes or more chasing down what could have been a leak but was not. It was just someone running the water for a long period of time, for what I don't know. Please call me before filling tanks or for whatever reason you want more water.

I am sorry I must give you such a gloomy report on the water system. I do believe we can get through this winter as long as everyone does their best to conserve water. If needed, we will purchase water as long as the truck can get up to the water tanks. If we get snow and the water truck can't get up here, then the only resource we have is water conservation. Last night, January

7, we did get snow with more forecast for tonight. As I said, **the alternative is no water.** Let's work together and get through this.

Thanks for your understanding and water conservation effort.

Regarding the water system improvement project, on January 2, we closed on the New Mexico Water Trust Board grant for the engineering costs of our project. Now the engineers can start designing the new improvements, so we are ready to start construction when we get our expected construction grants this year. The first to be worked on is a new water source and storage tank.

If you would like more information on the water system, please attend our monthly Board of Directors meeting held on the second Wednesday of the month. Meeting information is posted on our website, www.skycountryestateswater.com.

Thanks for helping.

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		Daily		Water		Use		And		Production			
Daily Use		Daily Use		Daily Use		Daily Use		Daily Use		Daily Use		Daily Use	
September		October		November		December		January					
1-4	901	1-2	1058	1-2	896	1-4	1092	1-4	1713				
5-7	743	3-5	928	3-6	1098	5-7	1038	4-6	1585				
8-23	1107	6-9	844	7-9	996	7-10	1171						
24-28	747	10-12	1169	10-13	725	11-14	1043						
29-30	1058	13-16	1222	13-16	1144	15-18	1203						
		17-19	952	17-20	1062	19-21	1322						
		20-23	1156	21-23	1008	22-30	1654						
		24-26	1215	23-27	1157	31	1886						
		27-30	990	28-30	1451								
		31	896										
Average													
Daily Use	911		1043		1060		1301		1649				
Production	1068		899		1066		1043		1030				

Purchased Water			
18-Sep	2700	Gallons	
26-Sep	2700	Gallons	
18-Dec	2700	Gallons	
22-Dec	2700	Gallons	
6-Jan	5400	Gallons	