



# Town of Empire

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Police Chief Stein, our emergency manager, is giving daily press releases, and they are posted on the Town of Empire website: [www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov](http://www.TownOfEmpire.Colorado.Gov). All of your questions will be answered if you read the press releases. You can also find this information on the Town of Empire Facebook page, the Town of Empire Police Department Facebook page, and links to the website on Nextdoor.

We are under a "Boil Water Order" because of low flow in the water system. Our water has been tested and we DO NOT have any disease-causing bacteria in our water. The Boil Water Order is simply a precaution that is required by the State.

Water is available for free at Town Hall and has been available since Sunday, cases of bottled water and gallon jugs. Buckets (with lids) of drinkable water are available for free at Theobald Park. If a 5-gallon bucket is too large for you to carry, you can bring any container you have, and we will fill it up. If you need assistance, please email the clerk, we have volunteers delivering water to residents who can't get it themselves.

If any resident needs assistance with something other than water; heat, groceries, etc., please email the clerk and we will try to assist.

CCC Fire Authority moved a 2000-gallon tanker full of water to the Empire Fire Station to improve fire protection, in addition to the 1000-gallon tanker that was already there.

CCMRD is allowing Empire Residents to enter for free, and they are giving the Town a discounted rate of \$5.00 per day that we will pay for each resident that uses the Clear Creek Rec Center for showers.

The sudden increased demand started three weeks ago, and the Town has been and continues to search for leaks to determine if our town system has any leaks or other issues, working with Ramey Environmental, Altitude Leak Detection, and Kinetic Survey. We had reports from residents that had broken pipes that leaked for a short time during that three-week period, that are now fixed. We are exploring all possibilities.

Mayor Koch, along with our operator of charge Ramey Environmental, has been working with State Agencies for the past several weeks to approve ordering and bringing in equipment to filter water at the old well, and this should be in place before the end of this month. This equipment is part of the new filtration system to be used with the new well that is being drilled this summer.

For the last two years Mayor Koch and the entire staff have been working on grants, loans, and engineering plans for drilling a new well. Once the new well is completed this summer, we will not have the issue of Madd Creek freezing in the winter and limiting the water flow.

You can contact Police Chief Stein at [Chief@EmpireColorado.us](mailto:Chief@EmpireColorado.us) or 303-257-1422.

If you have questions or need help, please contact [Clerk@EmpireColorado.us](mailto:Clerk@EmpireColorado.us) or 303-569-2978.

  
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