

# TOWN OF BENNETT, COLORADO

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*welcome neighbors.*

# TOWN OF BENNETT

## WELCOME NEIGHBORS

### *WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF BENNETT!*



This information is provided to make your move to Bennett a little bit easier. Enclosed you will find important phone numbers, general information about services provided, locations of parks, a list of community partners and so much more. While the information in this packet is plentiful, we recommend the Town website as the best resource for the most up-to-date information.

*[townofbennett.colorado.gov](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov)*

We hope you take part in the many activities and events that occur in Bennett each year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call or visit us. The Town also posts community information and notices on the Town Facebook page:

*[www.facebook.com/welcome.neighbors](http://www.facebook.com/welcome.neighbors)*

Once again, welcome to Bennett and thank you for choosing our community to be your home!



# GOVERNMENT

## *BENNETT, COLORADO*

The Town of Bennett Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members. Of those seven members, six are at-large trustees and one is the Town Mayor. The Board of Trustees are part-time elected officials, meaning that they have jobs in addition to their responsibilities as board members.

**Town Board meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Study sessions begin at 5:45 p.m. and regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.**

You can download Town Board meeting agendas and minutes on our website.

If you need more agenda or meeting information, please contact the Town Clerk (303) 644-3249 ext. 1001.

If you cannot attend these meetings, we invite you to sign up for our new eNewsletter with board meeting updates. The "Board Update" will be sent out following each board meeting and will include a summary of what took place in the meeting.



Board Update Email Sign Up



Bennett Broadcast Email Sign Up

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# UTILITIES

## WATER & WASTEWATER

The Town of Bennett is responsible for providing and billing water and wastewater services for residents and businesses within Town limits. All utility customers must fill out and sign a Utility Service Application and a Service Commitment Agreement and return it to Town Hall.

The billing cycle runs from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, with billing processed on the first. Payments are due by the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month. A late fee of 5% is charged for unpaid balances.

If you have sewer service with the Town of Bennett, your rate is based on your average winter monthly consumption (AWMC) and is calculated yearly. As a new resident your current sewer rate is billed at the current average rate for all sewer customers in the Town of Bennett.

To pay your water bill you can mail your payments to Town Hall, pay them in person, pay online at [townofbennett.colorado.gov](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov) or drop your payment in the after-hours drop box located in front of Town Hall.

For more information or a Utility Service Application, please contact Utility Billing Department, at [utility\\_billing@bennett.co.us](mailto:utility_billing@bennett.co.us) or (303)644-3249 ext. 1000.

### Utility Rates

#### **Water:**

\$33.62 base charge plus usage charge

0 - 4,000 gallons	Included in base charge
4,001 - 8,000 gallons	\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons
8,001 - 16,000 gallons	\$6.15 per 1,000 gallons
16,001 + gallons	\$14.35 per 1,000 gallons

#### **Wastewater:**

\$38.98 base charge plus \$7.50 per 1000-gallon average water usage during evaluation period (Nov. 15th – Feb. 15th). Annual rate calculated in April every year.

# UTILITIES

## WATER & WASTEWATER USAGE EXAMPLES

### Utility Rate Examples

*Estimates from Denver Water*

#### Landscape Area Water Use

- Average landscape area uses 15 gallons per square foot of landscape area a year.

#### Per Capita Water Use (Estimate .87 Person Per Room)

- Average per capita water use is 50 gallons per day or 18,250 per year per bedroom/hotel room.
- Average per capita water use is 35 gallons per day or 12,775 per year per employee.

#### Common area water use, such as kitchen, breakroom or washroom.

- Typical common area use is: 6,000 gpy residential, 15,000 gpy commercials, 200,000 gallons per year restaurant.



**High Use**  
Mostly Irrigated Sod  
Very Little Hardscape



**Mid-Level Use**  
Some Irrigated Sod  
Some Hardscape-Xeriscape



**Low Use**  
No Sod  
All Hardscape - Xeriscape

*Using Water: This table identifies water usage for various household appliances and activities. Because every project is a little different, these amounts are estimates only.*

Area	Standard Water Usage	Recommended Action
Lawn irrigation	43 – 120 gallons per hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a smart controller</li> <li>• Reduce turf grass</li> <li>• Cycle and soak</li> </ul>
Outside Water	2 – 10 gallons per minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use spray nozzles for washing cars</li> <li>• Play with water on lawn</li> </ul>
Toilets	Six flushes equal 24 gallons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a low-flow toilet</li> <li>• Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket</li> <li>• Check for leaks</li> </ul>
Laundry	One load equals 43 gallons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install energy efficient washer</li> <li>• Wash full loads</li> </ul>
Showers	10 minutes equals 40 gallons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install low-flow shower heads</li> <li>• Shorten showers to 5 – 7 minutes</li> </ul>
Bathroom sink	2 gallons per minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install low-flow faucets</li> <li>• Install aerators</li> <li>• Turn off sink while brushing teeth, washing face or shaving</li> </ul>
Kitchen sink	4 gallons per minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install low-flow faucets</li> <li>• Install aerators</li> <li>• Scrape food scraps into trash</li> <li>• Fill sink to rinse</li> </ul>
Dishwasher	One load equals 15 gallons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only run a full dishwasher</li> <li>• Use dishwasher instead of washing by hand</li> </ul>
Leaks	Leaks equal 5 – 10 percent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for and fix leaks, especially in toilets and sprinkler systems</li> </ul>

# TOWN WATERING





## LANDSCAPING TIPS

Watering two days a week should be sufficient during most of the summer. If needed, water a third day during extreme heat or dry periods. Water trees and shrubs as needed, shrubs and perennials need half as much water as lawns.

Watering should not take place between the hours of 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Tips on being more water-wise:

- Do not water between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Water during cooler times of the day.
- Change your sprinkler clock/schedule to limit each zone to 10-15 minutes every other day, no more than three days a week. If you are seeing run-off leaving your irrigated area, you are likely over watering.
- Adjust sprinkler heads to ensure only intended landscaped areas are being watered.
- Do not water on days that rain or high winds are in the forecast.
- If installing new irrigated landscaping, wait for early fall or spring and consider water-wise plants that use less water over time.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.

Watering Months				
	Minutes to Water Per Zone (Based on Two - Three Days Per Week)			
January - April	Water Trees and Shrubs as Needed			
May	12	24	30	18
June	17	35	43	26
July	18	36	45	27
August	14	27	34	20
September	11	23	23	17
October - December	Water Trees and Shrubs as Needed			

More information, including recommended plants for the Town of Bennett and xeriscaping tips can be found online at [townofbennett.colorado.gov/departments/public-works/town-watering](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov/departments/public-works/town-watering).

# UTILITIES

## *GAS, TELEPHONE, INTERNET, FIBER, TRASH AND ELECTRIC*

### *Local utility services and providers:*

#### ***Colorado Natural Gas***

Eastern Colorado Office  
1422 Monroe, Unit C  
Strasburg, CO 80136  
(303) 979-7680  
(800) 720-8193  
Coloradonaturalgas.com

#### ***CORE Electric Cooperative (Formerly IREA)***

1092 Cedar St.  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(800) 332-9540  
core.coop

#### ***Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association***

403 3rd Ave  
PO Box 397  
Hugo, CO 80821-0397  
1-888-999-3778  
Business Office: (719) 743-2441  
Esрта.com

#### ***Bijou Telephone***

1070 US Highway 36  
Byers, CO 80103  
(303) 822-5400  
Netecin.net

#### ***Comcast/Xfinity***

(720) 641-0125  
www.xfinity.com

#### ***Green For Life***

8201 Shumaker Rd.  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(303) 744-9881  
gflenv.com

#### ***Maverick Waste Systems***

2093 Asoka  
Strasburg, CO 80136  
(303) 622-4067  
www.maverickwastesystems.com

#### ***Swims Disposal Service***

990 US-36  
Byers, CO 80103  
(303) 822-9535

#### ***I-70 Roll Off Services***

665 4th Street,  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(606) 644-3000

#### ***Eastern Dispose-All***

(303) 690-0151



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL

The Town of Bennett has two Community Service Officers serving the residents of Bennett. Their goal is to create a safe, happy and healthy Bennett community.

The Community Service Office is responsible for investigating and enforcing the Bennett Municipal Code and ordinances, animal control and parking violations. They also work closely with Adams and Arapahoe County Sherriff's offices in order to ensure a safe and happy living environment.

Maintaining livable neighborhoods requires the partnership and participation of all residents. Here are some friendly reminders from the Community Service Office:

- Streets and sidewalks need to be kept clear of debris, snow, encroachments and obstructions.
- After snowfall, it is the homeowner or occupant's responsibility to clear the sidewalks of snow outside the home.
- Trees and other vegetation should be cleared from streets and public right-of-way.
- You are allowed to park recreational equipment on any public street, road, alley or other right-of-way within the Town for up to 48 hours in a 7-day period.
- If you need to park a recreational vehicle for more than 48 hours you can apply for a permit for up to seven days of parking.
- Only one inoperable vehicle is permitted per residence and must be covered.
- Trash cans should only be left out the day of pickup.
- Weeds and grass should be maintained and no more than 6" tall.
- Properties should be kept free of unsightly accumulation of litter, garbage and/or junk.
- Residents can own up to six ducks or chickens in the Town of Bennett but must also obtain a permit.
- Dogs must be leashed, even in Town parks.

Dogs and cats must be licensed within the Town of Bennett. This helps identify your animals if they ever get lost. Cats and dogs over the age of six months should be licensed. Fill out an animal license online at [townofbennett.colorado.gov/departments/animal-control](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov/departments/animal-control).



**Animal Control**  
**Pet License**

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

## HOMEOWNER PERMIT INFORMATION

Are you thinking about doing some home improvements? You may be wondering if you need a permit.

### Examples of projects you WILL need a permit for:

- Water heater replacement
- Furnace/AC Replacement
- Remodel
- Addition
- Reroof
- Sheds over 200 sq. feet
- Fences
- New Landscaping
- Re-routing plumbing, electrical or mechanical lines
- Window replacement
- Siding replacement
- Decks
- Pergolas
- Covered Patios
- Car Ports
- Garages
- Basement Finishes

### Examples of projects you WILL NOT need a permit for:

- Painting
- New Carpet
- New Cabinets (as long as plumbing/electrical/mechanical do not change)
- Replacing Fixtures (as long as location stays the same)
- Concrete Flatwork (unless it is a public sidewalk or requires a curb cut to the street)

### Why should I pull a permit?

- Safety is the number one priority. Our building inspectors are trained to ensure your home project is done safely and meets code minimums.
- Not obtaining a permit could impact a home sale at a later date and could even affect the value of your home.

### Do I have to hire a Contractor?

- If you own the home and do not have intention of renting or selling the property, you can do the work yourself.
- If you prefer to hire a contractor, the Town of Bennett does require Contractor Licensing, we do make sure that contractors holding licenses are insured and have the knowledge/experience to complete the job correctly.

Did you know that we have building handouts on our website that can help guide you through many common homeowner projects? Many projects are also eligible for the Town's Residential Vibrancy Initiative (REVIVE), a grant to help residents fund exterior home improvement projects.

**More information, the REVIVE grant application and helpful handouts can be found online at [townofbennett.colorado.gov](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov). If you have more questions, contact the building department by calling 303-644-3249 or emailing [bennettbuilding@bennett.co.us](mailto:bennettbuilding@bennett.co.us).**

# SCHOOLS

## *BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT - 29J*

### ***ABOUT THE DISTRICT***



The District serves the central portions of Adams and Arapahoe counties and covers an area of 292 square miles. Bennett and Watkins are the main communities within the District. From this territory, approximately 1,100 students are enrolled in grades PK-12. All schools are located in the Town of Bennett.

Students are served by approximately 73 certified staff members and 65 support personnel. Average pupil to teacher ratio is 20 to 1.

High School Grades 9 – 12

Middle School Grades 7 – 8

Intermediate School Grades 4 – 6

Elementary School Grades K – 3

Preschool Ages 2 ½ - 5

### ***TRANSPORTATION***

Eleven regular bus routes transport about 900 eligible students daily. In addition, activity transportation is provided along with special needs transportation.

Transportation shall be furnished to all students, who live within designated transportation areas. Adequate service, safety, and efficient operation shall be the goals in the planning of school bus schedules, routes, and stops.



### ***LOCATION AND CONTACT***

#### **Elementary Students K - 3**

462 8th Street  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(303) 644-3234 x 9-1000

#### **Intermediate School 4 - 6**

350 7th Street  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(303) 644-3234

#### **Middle School Students 7 - 8**

455 8th Street  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(303) 644-3234 x 9-5000

#### **High School Students 9 - 12**

610 7th Street  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(303) 644-3234 x 9-700

### ***ENROLLMENT***

Parents of students who reside within the boundaries of Bennett School District must bring the following to obtain a registration packet:

- Proof of residency (warranty deed, bill of sale, settlement statement from closing, signed contract with closing date, or current signed rental agreement)
- Birth certificate
- Most recent immunization record

[www.bsd29j.com](http://www.bsd29j.com)

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-PROFITS

### ***BENNETT COMMUNITY FOOD BANK***

The Bennett Community Food Bank serves the Eastern I-70 Corridor which includes the communities of Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail and Agate. Located in the Bennett Community Center, the Food Bank is open the first and third Saturday of every month, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; the third Saturday of the month is devoted to USDA Commodities distribution.

[townofbennett.colorado.gov/bennett-community-food-bank](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov/bennett-community-food-bank)

1100 W. Colfax Avenue  
Bennett, CO 80102  
Flora Goodnight - Coordinator  
(303) 644-4313

### ***I-70 CORRIDOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce assists growth and successful economic development of Eastern Colorado member businesses located in Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers, Deer Trail and Agate, since 1992.

[www.i70ccoc.com](http://www.i70ccoc.com)

PO Box 386  
Strasburg, CO 80136  
(720) 731-1954  
[admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com)

### ***ANYTHINK LIBRARIES, BENNETT BRANCH***

Anythink serves the residents of Adams County, Colorado, with seven branches including Bennett. With a focus on innovation, Anythink's award-winning approach to library service is recognized by industry leaders and organizations across the globe.

[www.anythinklibraries.org](http://www.anythinklibraries.org)

495 7th St.  
Bennett, CO 80102  
(303) 405-3231

Tues and Thurs, 10 AM – 7 PM  
Wed, Fri and Sat, 10 AM - 5:30 PM  
Sun and Mon, Closed

### ***VIRTUAL MONTHLY HUMAN SERVICES***

The third Tuesday of every month Adams and Arapahoe County offer virtual meeting times to learn more about support services and available Federal & State assistance programs, which include: Food Assistance, Health First Colorado (Medicaid), Cash Assistance, Child Care Assistance and LEAP.

More information and the schedule a meeting time visit [townofbennett.colorado.gov](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov).

Third Tuesday Every Month  
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

# RECREATION

## BENNETT PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

The Bennett Park and Recreation District (BPRD) is a Special District that provides local residents with recreational services, including youth and adult sports leagues, fitness classes, aquatics programs, and more. The BPRD has a weight room, large gymnasium, small fitness room, junior Olympic-sized pool, toddler pool, continuous pool, steam rooms, and locker rooms; all of which are available for use by the public.

BPRD is open to all I-70 corridor residents. If you pay taxes to the Bennett Park and Recreation Special District, own property, live in rental property, or reside within Bennett Special District boundaries, you are a District resident. Non-District residents are welcome to participate in any Bennett District offering at the Out of District rate.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

#### Monday - Thursday

6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Friday

6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

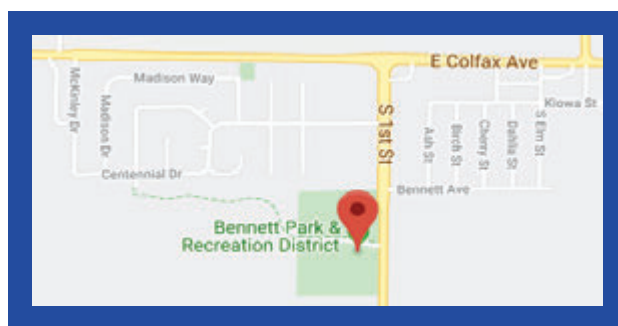
#### Sunday

Closed

### LOCATION

455 South First Street.  
Bennett, CO 80102

(303) 644-5040



### Individual Daily Fees

	In District	Out of District
Youth 2-12	\$3.50	\$5.00
Teen 13-18	\$4.00	\$6.00
Adult	\$5.00	\$7.00
Senior 60+	\$3.00	\$3.00
Active Military	\$3.00	\$3.00

### Punch Cards

	In District 10 Punches	Out of District 10 Punches	In District 20 Punches	Out of District 20 Punches
Youth 2-12	\$31.50	\$45.00	\$59.50	\$85.00
Teen 13-18	\$36.00	\$54.50	\$68.00	\$102.50
Adult	\$45.00	\$63.00	\$85.00	\$119.00
Senior 60+	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$51.00	\$51.00

### Membership Prices

#### Classic - Annual

	In District	Out of District
Adult	\$411.50	\$506.38
Senior	\$336.10	\$415.13
Family	\$687.00	\$853.75
Couple	\$536.20	\$665.25

#### Basic - Annual

	In District	Out of District
Youth 2-12	\$115.00	\$137.50
Teen 13-18	\$170.00	\$206.25
Adult	\$200.00	\$250.00
Senior	\$125.00	\$150.00
Family	\$525.00	\$637.50
Couple	\$350.00	\$425.00

#### Deluxe - Annual

	In District	Out of District
Adult	\$710.00	\$882.50
Senior	\$553.60	\$687.00
Family	\$904.50	\$1,125.63
Couple	\$753.70	\$937.13

Additional information on membership options can be found online at [bennettrec.org](http://bennettrec.org).

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## *BENNETT PARKS AND SERVICES*

### ***Bennett Community Center***

1100 W. Colfax Avenue

### ***Bennett Regional Park and Open Space***

600 Antelope Drive West

### ***Bennett School District Park/Playground***

462 8th Street

### ***Brothers 4 Park***

200 Ash Street

### ***Centennial Park***

100 Hancock Court

### ***Civic Center Park***

401 S. 1st Street

### ***Corridor of Honor Military Memorial***

355 S. 1st Street

### ***Community Park***

600 Palmer Avenue

### ***Field of Dreams***

1051 Washington Way

### ***Future Park***

675 Antelope Drive West

### ***Historic Charles Muegge House***

401 S. 1st Street

### ***Mountview Cemetery***

State Highway 79 & County Road 38

### ***Public Works Department***

365 Palmer Avenue

### ***Town Hall***

207 Muegge Way

### ***Trupp Park***

105 W. Palmer Avenue

The Town of Bennett allows rentals of the Bennett Community Center as well as the pavilions at Trupp Park and Bennett Regional Park and Open Space. The Bennett Community Center has a capacity of 170 people in the large room and a capacity of 54 people in the Lions Room. Rental rates and fees can be found online at [townofbennett.colorado.gov](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov)

If you are interested in renting either facility, please contact Town Hall at **(303) 644-3249**.



# ANNUAL EVENTS

## TOWN COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

The Town of Bennett is home to a wide variety of fun, family friendly events. For the most up to date event dates, information and locations please visit [townofbennett.colorado.gov](http://townofbennett.colorado.gov)

Here's a glimpse at some of our yearly events in Bennett:

**January - May:** The Bennett Arts Council hosts a variety of events and classes that vary by year.

**February:** Every year Bennett holds a Business Appreciation Event. Each year we provide lunch and proudly honor businesses for their longstanding service in the Bennett community.

**June:** Community Clean Up Day – In an effort to keep Bennett beautiful, the Town hosts a free day at the Alpine East Regional Landfill for Bennett residents to get rid of their old trash, recycle electronics and shred old documents.

**June – August:** Party in the Park – Throughout the summer local musicians play in Trupp Park. Residents are invited to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the free summer concerts.

**August:** Bennett Arts Council I-70 Corridor Art Show and Artisan Market – The Bennett Arts Council invites local artists from Eastern Colorado to showcase their work. During the event, the Teens For Change Mural Wall, that is on display at Trupp Park, is auctioned off.

**September:** Bennett Days - Bennett Days is the Town's biggest yearly event that includes bull riding, a parade, carnival rides, giveaways and a vendor street fair.

**October:** Trunk-or-Treat is an event where kids can trick or treat from decorated trunks in a centralized and safe location. Business owners, community members and Town Staff decorate their trunks for kids to trick or treat through.



**November:** Veterans Day Celebration - The Town partners with the local VFW to honor all those who have served.

**December:** Breakfast with Santa – The Board of Trustees cook breakfast for the community while families can enjoy music, coloring and photos with Santa.

Holiday Help Program - The Town hosts a toy drive as well as sponsors families in need to provide gifts and

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