



PUBLIC NOTICE – WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions are in effect FROM MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 as follows:

STAGE 1 – REDUCED LAWN WATERING

1.1 During Stage 1:

- a) no person shall use a sprinkler to water a lawn growing on a property.
- i) except ON AN ODD NUMBERED DAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00AM TO 8:00AM AND 8:00PM TO 10:00PM INCLUSIVE.

ENFORCEMENT

While cooperation from the community is anticipated and warning notices will be given, the District will issue a \$100.00 ticket to offenders.

1.2 As exception to the Stage 1 restrictions are:

- a) Nurseries, Farms, Turf Farms, Golf Courses and Tree Farms are exempted from restrictions; and
- b) Public authorities may water lawns and boulevards on any day, but no more than three days per week.

Frequent Water Conservation Questions and Answers

Q: Why do we need to conserve water in this region?

A. Becoming more efficient in how we use water and reducing waste helps to ensure our water supply for today and tomorrow – an important part in becoming a sustainable region. It also means we can save on operational and supply costs, money which can be better applied to social programs and invested to eventually increase our infrastructure to service more residents. System expansion also has environmental costs. By reducing our demand and waste today, we can make our current system more secure and last longer.

Q: What can I do to reduce the need to water my lawn?

A. Leave grass clippings on your lawn to save time, money and effort. Clippings will break down into fertilizer and because they cover the lawn, they reduce evaporation and the need to water. Spreading compost on the lawn will provide natural nutrients and increase its moisture retention ability. You may also consider alternative ground cover that requires less water and less maintenance than a lawn.

Q: How can I keep my new lawn alive?

A. Contact the District office for a permit that allows sprinkling outside the designated watering times for new lawns. While most municipalities charge a fee for this permit, Taylor does not.

Q: Why are there some exemptions, such as golf courses and farms?

A. Summer sprinkling regulations are meant to reduce water use in ways that do not cause serious economic hardship. Those users requiring water as part of a business operation are expected to conserve as much water as possible without resulting in a loss of business. In the case of the Lone Wolf Golf Club, irrigation water is taken from storage ponds that are filled directly from the Peace River. Therefore, usage outside of the specified hours does not impact the reservoir level.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Residents are encouraged to conserve water! Water conservation means achieving the same results while using less water. Definite, measureable results may be obtained by eliminating wasteful water use habits and by using water more efficiently.

- Water in the evening or early in the morning to reduce evaporation.
- Most lawns need only an inch of water (2.5cm) per week to stay healthy. Use a shallow can to reassure this amount.
- Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered, not the house, sidewalk or street. Do not water on a windy day.
- Listen to the weather forecasts. This way you can chose not to water the lawn when it is going to rain.
- Plant water efficient grasses, plants, trees and shrubs.
- Use mulch around your plants to help the soil retain moisture and reduce the growth of weeds.
- Use a broom when cleaning the driveway.
- When washing vehicles, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.
- Collect rain water in a barrel and use it to water your garden.
- When mowing, raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least 2 inches high. *Most Bluegrass varieties prefer heights of cut between 1.25 and 2.5 inches for optimal growth and plant health. Closely-cut grass makes the roots work harder, requiring more water. Leaving the clippings on the lawn will help retain moisture.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation!!