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**Water Conservation Ordinance  
May 10th - September 10th  
Residential/Non-Residential Outdoor Water Use**

*With the hottest months of the year upon us, we would like to remind residents of the water conservation ordinance.*

**Days:** Addresses ending in **EVEN** numbers may water on even number calendar days. Addresses ending in **ODD** numbers may water on odd number calendar days.

**Hours:** 6 to 9 a.m. & 7 to 10 p.m.

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**Newly Sodded and Seeded Lawn Permit**

A permit to water your lawns for newly sodded and seeded yards can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department at 815-886-1870.

- This Permit: Is valid for 14 days
- Allows you to water everyday within the permitted hours
- After the 14 days, normal restrictions apply

**Lawn Watering Tips**

- Water your lawn in the morning or early evening when the least evaporation occurs.

- Watering during the "Heat" of the day may scald or burn your lawn. Tiny water droplets on grass leaves act as miniature magnifying glasses.
- You can tell when it's time to water your lawn by stepping on it. If your footprints leave a long lasting imprint instead of bouncing back, it's time to water.
- DO NOT WATER THE PAVEMENT! Position sprinklers so that your lawn and garden receive the water.
- Do not drizzle. A light sprinkling is the least effective method of watering. A good soaking gets the roots. Let the water slowly sink in. A lot of water applied quickly runs off into gutters. Use a kitchen timer as a reminder to turn off sprinklers.
- A normal lawn requires watering to a depth of about 6 to 8 inches. This should take between 1 to 2 inches of water over the lawn surface. You can measure this by placing an empty soup can in the area where watering is being done and measure the amount of water collected in the area. Or, on the average, it should take about 1 hour to soak an area thoroughly. Don't forget to set a timer as a reminder it's time to move the sprinkler.
- Longer grass means less evaporation. Let grass grow taller in hot, dry weather. Set your mower one notch higher than normal.
- If you have a kiddie pool, recycle that water by using it on your off day to water trees, shrubs, and flowers with a bucket. If you don't have a kiddie pool, on your allowed sprinkling days, fill a bucket or other container to water on your off days.