

WATER SPRINKLING AND IRRIGATION REGULATIONS

Purpose

In order to conserve a natural resource and to help ensure the sustainability of this resource it is important that that the City regulates the use of its water supply. The purpose of this document is to establish regulations for the use of the City water supply. These regulations also establish penalties for violations of the City Code that is associated with said regulations. The goal of implementing these regulations is to reduce the peak water demand on the system and reduce the potential for not meeting the water demands of the City for domestic use and for fire protection.

Regulations

CITY CODE

906.12: EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS:

The Council may impose emergency regulations pertaining to the conservation of water by resolution of the Council and by giving notice by publication or by posting in the City Hall and at such public places as the Council may direct. A water sprinkling ban may be implemented by the Director of Public Works/City Engineer after notification of the Clerk-Administrator and the Mayor. The lawn sprinkling ban may be implemented for the months of May, June, July, August and September by specifying dates and times. (1988 Code §70.18; 1993 Code)

Based on the City Code, the water sprinkling and irrigations regulations will be as follows:

Tier # 1 Restrictions: May 1st thru September 30th Odd/Even restrictions
Example: All properties with odd number addresses (7501) may water on odd numbered calendar days (June 11), and all properties with even numbered addresses (2612) may water on even numbered calendar days (June 10).

Tier # 2 Restrictions: May 1st thru September 30th Odd/Even restrictions Plus, no lawn watering between the hours of 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. Established by order of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer after notification of the Clerk-Administrator and the Mayor

Tier # 3 Restrictions: May 1st thru September 30th all lawn sprinkling by all properties is totally restricted. Established by order of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer after notification of the Clerk-Administrator and the Mayor

With all tiers there would be no restrictions for the months of October through April.

The following exceptions will apply to Tier #1 and Tier #2:

- Private Wells.
- The City of Mounds View watering multi public uses facilities / parks or athletic fields which require more frequent watering to prevent unreasonable damage.
- The hand watering of plants, flowers, gardens, or trees using a hose.
- Exemptions will be made for new sod and seed for 30 days with a permit issued from the Public Works Department.
- Other exemptions will be washing of vehicles, filling swimming pools, and children playing in a hose operated sprinkler or water toy.

The following exceptions will apply to Tier #3:

- Private Wells.
- The hand watering of plants, flowers, gardens, or trees using a hose.
- Exemptions will be made for new sod and seed for 30 days with a permit issued from the Public Works Department.
- Other exemptions will be children playing in a hose operated sprinkler or water toy.

This Restriction will always be Tier #1 unless ordered by the Director of Public Works/City Engineer after notification of the Clerk-Administrator and the Mayor.

If Tier #2 or Tier #3 is implemented, notice will be published in the City's official newspaper, on the City's electronic message board, on the City website site, and posted on City property.

Penalties for violation of the Emergency Water Conservation Regulations of City Code will be:

1 st violation	written warning
2 nd violation	\$25.00 fine
3 rd violation	\$50.00 fine
4 th violation	\$100.00 fine
5 th violation	\$200.00 fine
6 th violation	turned over to the City Attorney for criminal prosecution of theft

These administrative fines will be subject to annual revision based on the current adopted City Fee Schedule.

City Administrator

Date

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