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WAVERLY LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE AND SOD/SEEDING PERMIT INFORMATION

April 24, 2024

Dear Waverly Resident,

On April 23, 2024, the Waverly City Council unanimously voted to establish a mandatory lawn watering schedule to be in effect May 1, 2024 until further notice. This means moving forward, residents will be asked to comply with a watering schedule on certain days and times of the week, according to their street address, or be subject to penalties. This includes lawn watering and lawn irrigation systems only. (Exemptions listed below.)

There have been declining water levels in City wells over the past few years due to the extended drought conditions, and it was vital to take necessary precautions through implementing mandatory water conservation measures.

Effective May 1, 2024, lawn watering and lawn irrigation is limited to TWO days per week as follows:

- **Addresses ending in ODD numbers – Tuesdays and Saturdays.**
- **Addresses ending in EVEN numbers – Wednesdays and Sundays.**
- **No watering Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**
- **No lawn watering or irrigation shall be permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on any day.**

Compliance Measures/Fines as follows:

- **First (1st) and Second (2nd) offense in a calendar year:** Warning notification letter for violation will be hung on the front door of the residence.
- **Third (3rd) offense in a calendar year:** Warning notification letter for violation will be hung on the front door of the residence. Water service will be disconnected and a reconnection **fee of \$200** shall be paid prior to reconnection.
- **Fourth (4th) and subsequent offenses in a calendar year:** Warning notification letter for violation will be hung on the front door of the residence. Water service will be disconnected and a reconnection **fee of \$400** shall be paid prior to reconnection.

Exemptions:

- **Watering of gardens**
- **Washing vehicles, driveways, houses, etc.**
- **Filling of swimming pools**
- **14-day exemption for establishment of sod and grass seeding for lawn areas greater than 25 ft. (Must obtain a permit from the City. See following page.)**
- **Consumers seeking to transport water from outside the City's corporate limits for the purpose of lawn watering or lawn irrigation must notify the City in advance.**

The Waverly City Council also approved the establishment of a Sod & Seeding Permit, effective May 1, 2024. All Waverly homeowners and businesses who will be laying sod or seeding their lawns must first obtain a permit from the City Office, 14130 Lancashire St. This permits homeowners a period of 2 weeks in which the lawn can be watered without daily restrictions to promote proper lawn establishment. No watering between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be enforced. The Sod & Seeding Permit is mandatory for sod placement or application of seed in lawn areas greater than 25 square feet. A \$50 permit fee applies.

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, The Lower Platte South NRD and the UNL Extension Office will be presenting on the topic "Healthy Lawns" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation Building, 11120 N 141 St. We encourage residents to attend to learn more about sustaining a healthy lawn. There will be experts there to answer questions.

Please visit www.citywaverly.com and review the Water Conservation Measures section of the website, which includes a lawn watering guide from the UNL Extension Office. Feel free to contact us at 402-786-2312 or via the Contact Us button on www.citywaverly.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Waverly Mayor & City Council

Scan the QR code to read through the UNL Extension's Irrigating Home Lawns brochure. →



Irrigating Home Lawns – Tips from UNL Extension

<https://hles.unl.edu/turf-lawns>

<https://turf.unl.edu/turf-fact-sheets-nebguides>

1. WATER DEEPLY & INFREQUENTLY

At each irrigation, your goal is to moisten soil to the bottom of turf roots, typically about 6 inches. During years with normal precipitation, you usually don't need to begin watering your lawn until mid-June when dry conditions begin.

3. DON'T WASTE THE WATER TO EVAPORATION

Early morning watering from 3-10am is the best time to water. There's a reason why no watering is permitted between 10am-4pm: as much as 50% evaporation water loss can occur from the hot sun.

5. MOW TALL WITH A SHARP BLADE

Keep your mowing height between 3-3.5 inches. This will cause your lawn to have a deeper root system to create a more beautiful lawn. A sharp blade keeps water loss to a minimum.

2. THE SCREWDRIVER TEST

A good way to determine if your lawn needs watered is to push a screwdriver into your lawn. If it goes down easily to 6 inches, your lawn does NOT need watered. If it is difficult to push the screwdriver into the ground, or you can't push it in to 6 inches, it's time to water! This could mean you don't need to water at all in a given week.

4. AERATION IS KEY

Aerate your lawn at least once per year to reduce soil compaction, which reduces lawn quality. Water a couple days prior to aeration to ensure deeper plugs. The best time to aerate is spring and fall.

6. TURN OFF AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SETTINGS

Please remove automatic settings so you don't water after it rains, and please don't water while it's raining!