

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

The City of Lincoln has implemented mandatory water restrictions in order to maintain adequate water supplies for drinking, fire protection and other essential uses.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

All water customers are required to follow the designated day schedule for all outdoor watering, including the washing of vehicles:

- ***Properties with street addresses ending in even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) must limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.***
- ***Properties with street addresses ending in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) must limit outdoor water use to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.***
- ***No watering is allowed on Mondays except for designated uses.***
- ***Property owners with more than one street address at the same location can choose either schedule and must notify the Lincoln Water System (LWS) of their decision.***

Washing sidewalks, driveways and other paved areas is prohibited unless necessary to prevent imminent danger to health or safety. Re-filling or adding water to private swimming pools and wading pools may occur only between midnight and 6 a.m.

EXEMPTIONS

- **Businesses that rely on water for operation** such as commercial nurseries and car washing facilities may continue to operate.
- Those with **new sod** (less than 30 days) and those with **water-cooled air conditioners** may obtain a free watering permit from the City Building and Safety Department. For new sod, receipts and proof of purchase date will be required. Permits must be posted in a window facing the street. Building and Safety is on the second floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, and the phone number is 402-441-7521.
- Property owners with **private water supplies** such as wells are exempt from restrictions. They should post the permits they receive from the Health Department to avoid questions from neighbors and the Police Department.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

City pools close August 12, and after the chlorine dissipates, the water will be used to irrigate street trees, parks and golf courses. Golf course fairways will be maintained as dormant with weekly watering on Mondays. Greens and tees will be watered on the regular schedule to prevent the high cost of replacement. City fountains were turned off last week except for Sunken Gardens, which has its own well. Signs will be posted at other park facilities with their own wells. Watering at ballfields and on landscape medians is being reduced.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

To report violations, call the **Police non-emergency number - 402-441-6000**. If your neighbor is watering on the wrong day, make sure they are aware of the water restrictions before reporting the violation. The Police Department will enforce mandatory water restrictions, and violators are subject to a citation. Those convicted of a violation can be punished by a fine of up to \$500 or up to six months in jail or both. Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT LINCOLN.NE.GOV OR CALL LWS AT 402-441-5918.

The Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force urges you to "Make Every Drop Count!"