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PRESS RELEASE - Water Conservation

Date of Record: April 25, 2011

PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Chris Duncan would like to remind residents that the peak water usage are May - September of each year. As set forth in Conservation Ordinance, the schedule for outside watering during peak months (May 1st - September 30th) is as follows:

- Odd numbered addresses water on Tuesday, Thursdays and Sundays
- Even numbered addresses water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- The designated times for lawn watering are from midnig p.m.
- There is no watering on Monday, however exceptions are hand-watering, newly planted sod, landscaping and ground day exemption) and businesses that require water to opera plant nurseries and commercial car washes

According to Mayor Duncan, "The citizens of Sulphur ha cooperated with the City's request to conserve water in an effort pressure problems. He feels this year will be no different. everyone follows this program, but there are some consequence who do not. Fines can range from \$50 to \$500 depending on the offenses."

Mayor Duncan stated, "Water usage records reflect that d periods, the City's water plants have an increased production fro gallons of water a day to 7 million gallons per day. The resulting pressure is a major threat to fire-fighting efforts and could incre: of contamination of our water system. So, we ask everyone to the solution...conserve water."



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In order to ensure TUCSON WATER can maintain adequate water supplies to provide for life safety, and fire protection Ordinance was approved by Mayor & Council on March 20, 1995. The Ordinance gives the Mayor & Council, the authority to declare a water emergency and to implement mandatory water conservation measures targeting non-essential uses.

While we may never experience a water emergency, it is simply prudent to have measures in place which allow us to protect public health and safety.

Criteria for Declaring a Water Emergency

A number of factors will determine if a water emergency exists. These factors include:

- **Maintaining an adequate supply of water to meet demand**
TUCSON WATER continually monitors water production and storage facilities throughout our distribution system.
- **Existing and projected customer demand**
Water demand is estimated daily based on well pumpage rates and operational hours and reservoir levels.
- **Weather forecasts**
TUCSON WATER receives National Weather Service weather reports and extended forecasts every day.
- **Ability to maintain fire protection flows**
A minimum reservoir level necessary to provide fire-fighting water has been established.
- **Catastrophic loss of supply**
A major main break or loss of a production or distribution facility could reduce water supply.
- **Estimated duration of the situation**

Mandatory Conservation Measures

THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITS:

- All outdoor irrigation, except for those areas irrigated with reclaimed water. If appropriate, an irrigation system may be installed to bypass the ban.
- Washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, patios or other paved areas with water from a pressurized hose. Exceptions may be made in cases where washing is necessary to protect public health.
- Water cooling systems that do not recirculate the water at least once. (Evaporative coolers that recirculate water are not affected by the ordinance.)
- Restaurants may not serve water to customers unless specifically requested by the customer.
- Filling of swimming pools or spas or operation of fountains, water-powered children's toys, or other water features.
- Washing cars, trucks or other mobile equipment except at facilities which recirculate wash water or for other uses that protect public health.

The City Manager can grant a variance in cases where serious hardship to the customer would result.

Violations

When a violation is observed, a written notice requiring the violation be corrected will be given to the customer. If the violation is not corrected, water service to the customer may be disconnected. A \$250.00 fee may be imposed to reconnect the service, or a fine may be assessed.



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Water Conservation Ordinance

Be Part of the Solution

Each year, from May 1st through September 30th, Lafayette Utilities System and the Consolidated Government enact a water conservation ordinance aimed at combating pressure due to automated lawn watering during the peak hours of late afternoon and evening.

The ordinance applies to LUS residential, commercial, and wholesale (Youngsville, Bluffton, Milton, Scott, Water District North, Water District South) customers using automated systems and sprinklers.

LUS encourages customers to follow water efficiency tips even when the water conservation ordinance is not active to keep our water pressure stable, maintain firefighting effort and keep our community healthy.

[Water Conservation Ordinance Brochure](#)

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Water Quality

Share the Light with someone in need

When you add one dollar to your utility bill or sign a pledge card to give even more, the money you give goes to help someone in crisis pay his or her electric bill for one month. Call (337) 291-8280 to make a donation to Share the Light.

Lawn Watering Schedule

- Customers with odd-numbered home/property addresses (ending with 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Customers with even-numbered home/property addresses (ending with 0, 2, 4, 6, 8) water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays
- There is no watering on Mondays
- The designated times for lawn watering are from midnight to 2 p.m. (for 14 hours possible watering time each designated day)
- Fines are accumulative and stay on record for three years.

