

7-5-12: WATER USE:

7-5-12-1: WATER EMERGENCY:

To protect the health and safety of the consumers, as well as the general welfare, the mayor or his/her designee may impose emergency regulations pertaining to city water use.

- A. During an emergency, restrictions for the use of city water may include, but are not limited to, the total prohibition of watering, sprinkling, or irrigation of lawn, grass, turf, or plantings.
- B. Restrictions imposed during an emergency shall continue in effect until the end of the emergency and/or removed by the mayor or his/her designee.
- C. Notification of restrictions to city water use may be given by publication or by posting in the city hall and at such public places as the council may direct. (Ord. 831, sec. 1, 12-17-2007)

7-5-12-2: ANNUAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

To conserve water resources and allow the city's water system flexibility in meeting peak demands, certain limitations must be placed on the city's water supply.

- A. An odd/even sprinkling restriction based on street addresses is in effect from May 1 to September 30 each year. Residents with odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered calendar days; residents with even numbered addresses may water on even numbered calendar days.
- B. Homeowners' associations and apartment complexes that provide a common irrigation system may water only every other day. Homeowners' associations and apartments north of 185th Street may water on odd numbered days and those south of 185th Street may water on even numbered days.
- C. City water cannot be used for the purposes of irrigating or watering lawns, sod, or seeded areas between eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and five o'clock (5:00) P.M. daily. (Ord. 831, sec. 1, 12-17-2007)

7-5-12-3: EXCEPTIONS:

The water use restrictions in section [7-5-12-2](#) of this chapter do not apply in the following situations:

- A. Limited hand watering of gardens and plants using a hose.
- B. Watering of areas with new sod or seed within thirty (30) days of installation.
- C. Watering from a source other than the city's water supply if the water user has registered the alternative source with Dakota County and the alternative source is properly permitted by the state of Minnesota. Under this exemption, the city may inspect the property to ensure compliance. (Ord. 831, sec. 1, 12-17-2007)

7-5-12-4: PENALTIES:

- A. Failure to comply with restrictions or prohibitions imposed under this section [7-5-12](#) shall result in a surcharge for water service for each violation in an amount determined by resolution of the city council, which will be added to the water bill for the property on which such violation occurs.

B. Violators will be notified prior to the imposition of a surcharge. An initial notice of violation will be given to the violator. Subsequent violations in the same calendar year will result in the imposition of a surcharge. Notices of surcharge for violations occurring after receipt of the initial notice shall be mailed to the property owner. The city shall presume receipt of the notice of surcharge three (3) days after mailing. (Ord. 831, sec. 1, 12-17-2007)