

## Prairie Village Water Trust – Notification of Watering Restrictions

This is a reminder to all property owners who use water from the Prairie Village Water Trust (PVWT) that watering restrictions are in effect beginning every **May 15 through September 15** (or later, if necessary). **Please take note, the watering restrictions start date is two weeks earlier than in previous years.** You may have read or heard that other communities in the area have also implemented restrictions. For example, the City of Waukesha restricts watering to two days per week with no watering allowed from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on any day.

Watering restrictions go into effect this time of year because the expense to run and maintain the pumps increases dramatically during this period. For example, the average water usage September through May is roughly 180,000 gallons daily. In prior years, in the summer months we are recording instances of 600,000 to 900,000 gallons daily. During these times, the trust pays a premium price for the electricity to operate the pumps as well as repair expense to keep them in proper operating condition. Further, extended unrestricted watering may deplete water stored in the elevated tower that should be reserved for fire fighting purposes. Therefore, the following restrictions are in effect for this period:

1. **Watering Schedule** Properties may water between 5:00 am and 10:00 am and again between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm depending on their address. Properties with an odd-numbered address (address ends in 1,3,5,7,9) may water on any odd-numbered calendar day during this time. Properties with an even-numbered address (address ends in 0,2,4,6,8) may water on any even-numbered calendar day during this time. New lawns and landscaping can be sustained with alternate day watering. (NOTE: The Broadlands Golf Course waters from its own well, not from the Water Trust.)
2. **Watering Prohibition** No automatic or unattended watering on any day, at any property as follows:
  - a. Between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm – this time of day more of the water evaporates than makes it to the roots of the lawn.
  - b. Between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am – watering at this time of day can actually damage the lawn because it promotes mildew and fungus disease.
3. **Watering Exceptions** A hand-held watering can, container, or hose may be used at any time to water gardens, trees, or shrubs, but only if the water device is utilized manually and not left unattended.
4. **Odd/Even Exception** Anybody can water June 1, August 1 and September 1. This allows an even-numbered property to maintain an “every-other-day” watering scheme. It also means that every property has an opportunity for two consecutive lawn watering days. Odd-numbered addresses have May 31 and June 1, July 31 and August 1 as well as August 31 and September 1. Even-numbered addresses have June 1 and 2, August 1 and 2 as well as September 1 and 2.
5. **Violations** To be fair to those who adhere to these restrictions, and to avoid increasing rates for everyone, the Trust will assess a ‘watering restriction violation’ charge of **\$50.00 for each instance** of non-compliance to property owners that do not comply with these watering restrictions, beginning with the first instance of non-compliance. These charges will be due in 10 days and if unpaid by the 11<sup>th</sup> day will result in proceedings to turn off the property’s water.

If each property adheres to these restrictions, everyone will benefit. If you have any questions on these restrictions, or suggestions for the trust, please call the PVWT office at 392-5199.

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