



Tulalip Utilities Authority

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Tulalip Utilities Authority Outdoor Watering Schedule

Tulalip Utilities Authority is moving forward to Conservation Schedule, which details restrictions on outdoor watering. The new limitations will affect all outdoor water use, such as washing of cars, filling swimming pools, hosing off patios, etc.

Effective June 1, 2009, all residential, commercial, governmental and institutional outdoor water use will be restricted as outlined below:

- **Even-numbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays**
- **Odd-numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.**
- **All outdoor landscape watering is prohibited on Fridays.**
- **Spray irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
- **Drip irrigation and or hand watering are not subject to the hourly limits of the outdoor landscape-watering schedule, but must comply with the standard odd-even day's schedule.**

Enforcement:

Failure to comply with the restrictions can result in a \$200 surcharge and a loss of water service. For more information, contact Office staff (360) 716-4840

If you violate the watering schedule the following steps will be taking place:

1. You will be issued a warning
2. A fine will be imposed - \$200.00
3. Disconnection- with re-connection fee

Commercial Trucks/Vehicles are subject to this policy (filling of & washing trucks)

Background:

It is important for everybody to understand that water management and water conservation are two different issues and that water conservation is essential all year, we are trying to address water issues now to avoid the Hydro-Illogical cycle.

The Hydro-Illogical cycle is a series of stages that demonstrates people's typical response to cycles of wet and dry weather. There are six stages to The Hydro-Illogical cycle: Rain, Apathy, Drought, Awareness, Concern, and Panic.

Tips for Effective Watering

- Do your lawn sprinkling early in the morning, between 4 and 6 a.m., when water demand is low. After about 10 a.m., both heat and evaporation go up, robbing the lawn of moisture.
- Water only when your lawn needs it, rather than on a set schedule. One sign that a lawn needs water is when it lacks enough moisture to spring back after you walk on it. If it stays flat, it's time to water.
- Watering twice a week is usually enough to keep a healthy lawn growing. In general, your lawn needs about one inch of water per week, including rainfall, to keep it green during the growing season.
- Water deeply and infrequently. Deep watering promotes a deep root system, while over-watering promotes shallow root growth, making your lawn less hardy.
- Adjust lawn watering to the weather. Following a heavy rain, for instance, skip your regular watering day until the grass needs it again. Teach the family how to turn off an automatic sprinkler system in case a storm comes up during the sprinkling cycle.
- Delay regular lawn watering during the first cool weeks of spring. This encourages deeper rooting and makes your lawn healthier for the rest of the summer. It also delays the first time you have to mow the grass.

If you have any further question please feel free to contact our office.