

Maple Grove irrigation water use restrictions

The City of Maple Grove is imposing restrictions on the use of water for the purpose of irrigation. The city requires its water customers to adhere to watering time and schedules involving odd/even watering restrictions. The restrictions apply to all city water customers and is in effect until further notice.

Watering time:

Maple Grove prohibits outdoor lawn/garden watering from 10 a.m. to 6p.m. on all days.

Odd/Even watering:

Water customers must follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns/gardens. Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd numbered calendar days. Those with addresses ending in an even number may water on even numbered days.

Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly. State law also requires that all new irrigation systems be installed with rain sensors so the system shuts off when it's raining.

Residents are urged to reduce water usage such as vehicle washing and other nonessential purposes.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Are there any exceptions to the restrictions?

A: Property owners with new sod, seed or landscaping do not need to follow the odd-even restrictions during the first 30 days after planting upon exception approval by the city. Exceptions can be obtained; however, the watering time restriction must be observed.

Contractor related services such as power spraying for home or commercial improvement projects are considered exceptions to the restrictions.

The restrictions do not apply to people who use sources of water other than the city water system. The city still continues to urge all residents to conserve water and adhere to the restrictions.

Water customers may submit a written request for an exception by emailing publicworks@maplegrovern.gov. Please provide location, description, and schedule. The city will respond with a decision within three business days.

Q: When will the restrictions end and how will I find out?

A: These restrictions are in effect until further notice.

Q: Can I water my garden (vegetable, flower, etc.) using a hose or hand watering?

A: Water customers must adhere to watering time and odd/even schedule restrictions.

Q: Can my kids play in the sprinklers?

A: Water customers must adhere to watering time and odd/even schedule restrictions.

Q: What happens if someone violates the water restrictions?

A: Violations of the watering restriction policy can result in a warning and fees being added to the water bill of the offending property.

Q: My neighbor is not abiding by the odd/even schedule or time restrictions. What should I do?

A: If you are comfortable doing so, feel free to share the information with your neighbor to make sure they are aware of the drought and water restrictions. Otherwise, provide the address and description of the offense to see click fix or email at publicworks@maplegrovern.gov. Staff will work to educate the property owner/occupant.

Q: Why is the homeowner's association not abiding by the odd/even schedule?

A: Irrigation systems for common areas with HOAs have water meters for irrigation only. These meters have specific street addresses and are required to adhere to the restriction even though it may appear otherwise.

Q: How can I help to conserve irrigation water use?

A: Residents are encouraged to irrigate their lawns efficiently to conserve water. Water only when your lawn needs it, rather than on a set schedule. In general, your lawn only needs 1 inch of water per week to stay healthy and green. See more tips for irrigating lawns/gardens efficiently at:

[Water conservation for residents | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#)

[Drought | Ready.gov](#)

pca.state.mn.us/living-green/grow-healthy-no-waste-lawn-and-garden