

# Know and Follow IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS



To conserve water resources and allow the City's water system flexibility in meeting peak demands, irrigation restrictions are in effect from **MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**. These restrictions include an odd-even schedule and a midday ban.

## Otsego water restrictions allow for **ODD/EVEN IRRIGATION** and prohibits watering from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all days.

- > Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate on odd numbered calendar days. Those with addresses ending in an even number may irrigate on even numbered days. ***The restrictions apply to all city water customers. Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly.***
- > Homeowners' associations and apartment complexes that provide a common irrigation system shall irrigate only every other day as determined by location. Common irrigation systems north of 80th Street may irrigate on odd numbered calendar days. Those located south of 80th Street may irrigate on even numbered calendar days.

### When watering your lawn or other areas in your yard, please keep in mind:

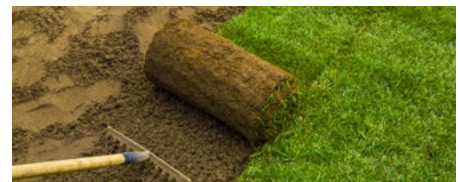
- To reduce evaporation, water before the sun comes up in the morning or after the sun has gone down in the evening
- An average sprinkler head uses 3.5 gallons of water per minute.
- Set underground sprinklers to not water when it's raining
- Turn off outdoor faucets after use

### > EXCEPTIONS

Limited hand watering of plants using a hose or hand held watering container, car washing and general use of power washers.

If you have new sod, seed or landscaping, you do not need to follow the odd-even restrictions during the first 30 days after planting. **You must, however, still abide by the midday ban from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To qualify for this exception, you must fill out an IRRIGATION EXCEPTION FORM.**

These forms are available at the City Hall, on our City website: [www.otsegomn.gov](http://www.otsegomn.gov) OR call Utility Billing at 763-441-2310.



## Questions?

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