



## **CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

- 1) You may water lawns, turf, shrubs, plants, trees, gardens between the hours of 6:00pm and 11:00am ( no watering from 11:00am till 6:00pm) ;
- 2) No person during the course of cleaning or washing motor vehicles, building exteriors, sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots and other similar types of hard surfaces, will allow the flow of water to be used or uncontrolled at the point of use, or to continue if unattended, such that water is wasted ;
- 3) Any water use from a fire hydrant shall be approved by the Van Buren Municipal Utilities Department and registered through the Departments water meter;
- 4) Water should not be used to the extent as to allow water to escape from user's premises onto public property, such as streets and alleys, nor onto another person's property.
- 5) Whenever an emergency exists by reason of shortage of water , limited distribution facilities or any other circumstances which make it necessary to immediately conserve water , additional conservation measures may be implement.
- 6) **Phase I water conservation shall be effective when Lake Fort Smith & Lee Creek water level drop to 60% capacity , as follows:**
  - 1) Uses of water are permitted at locations with even-number addresses on even numbered days of the month only and odd-number addresses on odd numbered days of the month only.
  - 2) No watering of lawns, turf, plants, trees or garden, motor vehicle, trailers, boats (not applicable to commercial car washes) , filling swimming pools or fountains and washing building exteriors, between the hours of 10:00am and 7:00pm .
  - 3) Watering of golf course and other commercial irrigation shall be done only to the extent necessary to preserve turf and plant life.
  - 4) The washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and other hard surface areas are prohibited. Food establishments may engage in such use only to maintain public health and compliance with state and federal regulations.
  - 5) The use of water from fire hydrants at any time for construction purposes and hydrant testing is prohibited.

## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

1. Check toilets for leaks. Put a small amount of food coloring or talcum powder in the toilet water tank. If the food coloring or talcum powder appears in the toilet bowl without flushing, there is a leak.
2. Install water saving showerheads and flow restrictors in faucets. Turn water off while soaping up. Five (5) minutes or less is adequate for a shower.
3. Do not use toilet as a wastebasket.
4. Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth, shaving, etc.
5. Select proper water level for laundry
6. Do not let water run when washing dishes in the sink.
7. Fill your automatic dishwasher completely.
8. Defrost food using the refrigerator or microwave instead of sink
9. Use a vegetable brush for cleaning fruits and vegetables. Use hand sprayer sparingly with short bursts of water.
10. Keep a container of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
11. Stopper tub before turning on water. Adding hot water will warm initial cold water.
12. When you purchase a new washing machine, select one that uses the least water per pound of wash.
13. If you have a fish tank, use the dirty water from the tank to water plants. It is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, which gives you a good fertilizer.
14. Hosing down your driveway for five minutes can use 25 gallons of water. Try using a broom or leaf blower instead.
15. Irrigate the lawn only when it needs it. If the grass springs back up when you step on it, it does not need water. If it stays flat, it needs water. Let sprinkler run long enough for moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. Light sprinkling will evaporate quickly and encourage a shallow root system. Early morning is generally the best time for lawn irrigation. Watering mid-morning to early evening may “burn” the grass.
16. Position sprinklers so that water will land on the lawn or garden only.
17. Put mulch in flowers and vegetable gardens, shrubs and trees to hold more moisture in the soil. Keep gardens, flowerbeds and lawns weeded, weeds take moisture from desirable plants.
18. Mix soil polymers, which retain moisture, into your soil. Add them when planting beds or containers, or drill the soil around existing plants and drop the polymers into the holes.

**Try to do one thing each day that will result in a reduction of water use, even if the savings is minimal. EVERY DROP COUNTS. And, every person can make a difference.**