



Canton Township's Voluntary Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

In a continued effort to reduce instances of low water pressure and help control future water rate increases, Canton is asking residents and businesses to use voluntary use odd/even days for outdoor water usage throughout the year.

Residents and businesses with odd numbered addresses (i.e. ending in 1,3,5,7, or 9) are asked to do outdoor watering only on odd numbered dates. Likewise, those with even numbered addresses (i.e. 0,2,4,6, or 8) should water lawns, fill swimming pools, wash cars, etc., only on even numbered dates.

In addition, residents and business owners are asked to set their automatic irrigation systems to water between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. By watering during these off-peak demand hours, Canton enables all customers to continue receiving an even distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems.

Homeowners in subdivisions with common areas are also asked to restrict watering their common areas to every other day. Residents should be aware that many public areas, such as parks, golf courses, etc., receive irrigation water from ponds which are independent of the public water system.

Following voluntary restrictions is a good way to keep future water rates down. Canton is a wholesale customer of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). There are three major factors that DWSD uses to calculate wholesale water rates including: 1) the distance the community is from the water treatment plants, 2) the elevation of the community relative to the water treatment plants, and 3) the maximum daily water demand and the peak hour water demand for each community. By following the odd/even day water cycle Canton can level out these high water demand factors resulting in more stable long-term water rates for our customers.

Canton would like to thank all of our residents and businesses in advance for their cooperation in ensuring the overall reliability of our public water system, by adhering to these voluntary restrictions. If residents or business owners have any questions regarding the requested water use restriction they can call Canton's Public Works Division staff at 734/394-5150.