

Summer 2021 Information

Mandatory Water Restrictions

The Water Treatment Division and the Rawlins Fire Department need our entire community's help now to conserve water. It is essential to work together now to guarantee that we have enough water for household uses and to ensure fire suppression can be met.

For water restrictions, our current plan before fines are issued, is to provide notice by distributing warnings printed on yellow paper and placed in doorjambes or given in person. If you receive a yellow notice, please take it seriously and reduce your water use. Fines may be given after the notice is provided.

There is no immediate plan to bill a surcharge for going over 6,000 gallons/month. If a surcharge is added, it will not be started without notice via our website and the amount allowed monthly will be set at more than 6,000/month.

To receive direct news from the City via email or text, including water restrictions and much more, you can sign up for "City of Rawlins News" at <http://rawlinswy.org/notifyme>

The current water demand is above 3.5 million gallons per day, and our system cannot meet this demand, especially with the decreased water supply from the springs. This has been complicated due to infrastructure issues at our water sources and at the treatment plant. We are enacting mandatory water restrictions throughout our community to help guarantee enough water is available for fire protection, drinking and other household uses.

These water restrictions include:

- Only water on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Only water during the cooler hours - no watering is allowed between 10am and 6pm. Do not water at all on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.
- Do not allow water to run onto or pool in gutters, streets, and sidewalks.
- Washing parking lots, sidewalks or driveways with a hose is prohibited except for construction, safety, and health reasons.

We have reached "Level D" from our water use management as defined in Rawlins Municipal Code 13.10. This code does allow for greater restrictions to be placed, but we hope that these moderate measures will be enough to guarantee enough clean water for our community. Fines can be given of up to \$750 and higher water rates may be charged to users of more than 6,000 gallons per month.

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Help us make it through summer safely!

Watering

Only water on Mon, Wed, & Sat
Do not water from 10am-6pm



No Wasting Water

such as allowing water to run down the sidewalk or street

No Washing Hard Surfaces

with a hose, such as sidewalks, parking lots or driveways. Sweep instead!



Conserve water so we have enough for our community to put out fires, drink and for other household uses!



Pursuant to Code 13.10, fines can be given of up to \$750.

For more info, call 307-328-4500 or visit rawlinswy.org/waterrules

What is the city doing? How does this impact the golf course, parks and the cemetery?

All city facilities which are supplied by treated water, including all parks and the cemetery, are at under 50% of their typical watering schedule which may lead to dry and uncomfortable grass. Rochelle Ranch Golf Course is watered completely by raw, untreated water directly by from the North Platte River and does not impact our treated water.

What about our Platte River Water Rights?

We use our Platte River water rights to water Rochelle Ranch Golf Course and to fill reservoirs when spring water is not available. However, the raw river water must settle before it can be cleaned for community use. Although our pretreatment plant does make this process more accessible, it is currently out of service and expected to be brought back online in late 2021. We are also funding the installation of a raw river water line to the cemetery through the [2019 Specific Purpose Tax](#). While watering restrictions are in place, we are using raw river water for our trees and other additional watering in parks and the cemetery.

The City of Rawlins sells a portion of our water rights to the Wyoming Department of Transportation for industrial and construction work. We sell up to 10 million gallons of raw water per year directly from the Platte River. This has no impact on our current demand for treated water.