

## 2023 Water Restrictions

Update as of June 12th: Water restrictions are now loosened!

- Residences and businesses may water their lawns as many days as desired – any days of their choosing. Do not water between 10 AM and 6 PM.
- Please feel free to use water for other uses, such as washing porches, driveways or other hard surfaces.
- Trees, bushes, gardens, etc. may be watered by sprinklers or by manually-operated hose as desired. Do not water between 10am and 6pm.

Our water tanks are now full to allow for tank inspections, scheduled for early next week. The majority of our parks and green spaces did not begin watering until late last week to allow the tanks to fill. As such, they may be crispy and uncomfortable. Thanks to everyone who followed restrictions to allow the tanks to fill for inspection.

This year restrictions will be reevaluated each week. There is a possibility that restrictions will change throughout the summer, especially as the temperature increases and flows decrease from the springs.

Want to make sure you see our water announcements? Sign up for news via email or text at [www.rawlinswy.gov/notifyme](http://www.rawlinswy.gov/notifyme) under “City of Rawlins News.”

All city facilities which are supplied by treated water, including all parks and the cemetery, will be restricted to the equivalent volume of two days per week. This volume of watering will happen throughout the week and overnight to spread out the work and the water use. Parks will also be prepared to reduce their water use at any time to help provide additional water to residents. Our Parks Division takes extra care of our green spaces, such as aerating and fertilizing, which helps the water to be used as wisely as possible and the grass to stay healthy on reduced water.

According to resources provided by the University of Wyoming Extension Office, watering of turf grass should ideally occur in two to three irrigations per week. Enough water should be provided so that the water can soak deep into the ground. Shallow, frequent irrigations will encourage shallow root growth and weaken lawn health. The Extension Office has many resources to offer scientific advice on lawn health, landscape design, and more. The Extension Office also offers one-on-one consulting. Please call 307-328-2642.



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Reevaluated weekly, as of June 12

- Please visit [www.rawlinswy.gov/waterrules](http://www.rawlinswy.gov/waterrules) for up to date info.

## **Water Lawn As Desired**

- Do not water between 10am and 6pm.

**Gardens, trees, bushes, etc. can be watered** any day as needed using sprinklers or manually-operated hose. Do not water between 10am and 6pm.

**Feel free to use water for other purposes**, such as washing porches, driveways, or other hard surfaces.

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or call 307-328-4500.



## Tuesday, May 16, 2023

We have reached “Level D” from our water use management as defined in Rawlins Municipal Code 13.10. However, with the pretreatment plant and good runoff from the springs, our water restrictions initially allow watering of turf three times a week for all households and businesses. These will go into effect on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to allow time for adequate notice to the community.

This year restrictions will be reevaluated each week. There is a possibility that restrictions will change throughout the summer, especially as the temperature increases and flows decrease from the springs.

### Restrictions:

- Residences and businesses may water their lawns three times per week – only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only between the hours of 4 to 10 am and 6 to 10 pm.
- Trees, bushes, gardens, etc., may be watered any day of the week as needed using a manually operated hose with an automatic shut-off valve between the hours of 4 to 10 am and 6 to 10 pm.
- Please do not waste water, such as allowing it to run down the street or washing hard surfaces. Washing parking lots, sidewalks or driveways with a hose is prohibited except for construction, safety, and health reasons. Do not allow water to run into or pool in gutters, streets, and sidewalks.
- We do not expect to grant any additional water use for grass seed or new sod.

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