

Enforcement

■ How will this ordinance be enforced?

The objective of enforcement will be to gain compliance, not to punish. The City will use several methods to check for and promote compliance. However, citations may be issued if compliance is not achieved. Report possible violations to the Neighborhood Services department at 817-459-6777, option 3.

■ What will I need to do to avoid a violation?

Watering Restrictions: If you have an automatic irrigation system, check your timer settings and adjust if necessary. If you water using hose-connected sprinklers, place a reminder note on your calendar for the June-September period.

Rain and Freeze Sensors: Install rain and freeze sensors as required and keep them maintained so that irrigation systems don't run during rainy or freezing conditions.

General Information

■ Where do I go for additional information, and to learn more about water conservation?

Visit our web site, www.ci.arlington.tx.us/water, for additional information, water conservation tips, and other helpful links. You may also email, phone, or mail us at the contacts shown below.

Arlington Water Utilities

P.O. Box 90020

Arlington, TX 76004-3020

Email us: water@ci.arlington.tx.us;

Call us: 817-275-5931

For our Spanish speaking customers:

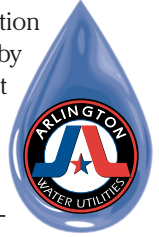
Si necesita usted hablar con un representante en Español, por favor llame al 817-275-5931.

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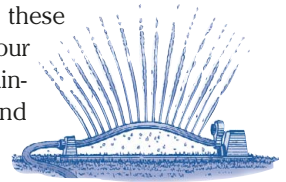
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New Requirements: Lawn and Landscape Irrigation

New lawn and landscape irrigation requirements became effective by ordinance on March 4, 2005, as part of our effort to meet the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Water Development Board in planning for our growing community's water supply needs.



Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these requirements. Besides conserving water, following these requirements will lower your watering costs while maintaining healthy lawns and beautiful landscapes.



Summary of New Requirements

1. Time of Day Watering Restrictions

June 1 - September 30, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
NO lawn or landscaping watering or irrigating is permitted, unless hand watering or using soaker hoses.

2. Include rain and freeze sensors on all irrigation systems installed on or after March 4, 2005.

3. By March 4, 2007, equip all commercial and apartment irrigation systems installed before March 4, 2005 with rain and freeze sensors.

Conservation Ordinance Details

The following is quoted from the Water Chapter of the City Code, as authorized in Ordinance 05-015:

Watering Restrictions

Except for hand watering and the use of soaker hoses, it shall be unlawful for any person to irrigate, water, or cause or permit the irrigation or watering of any lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period from June 1 through September 30 of any year.

Irrigation System Rain and Freeze Sensors

- 1. Any irrigation system installed within the City on or after March 4, 2005 must be equipped with rain and freeze sensors in number and type established and published by the Director of Utilities.*
- 2. Any [commercial and apartment] irrigation system installed before March 4, 2005 may not be operated after March 4, 2007 without being equipped with rain and freeze sensors in number and type established and published by the Director of Utilities. This requirement does not apply to a single family residential or duplex property, or an individually-metered townhome or condominium unit.*

Time of Day Watering Restrictions

■ Why time of day restrictions?

Watering Efficiency: Rates of evaporation due to temperature, wind, and sunlight intensity are generally highest from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., June through September. By watering outside of the restricted time period, more water will go to your landscaping grass, plants, and trees, and less will be lost to the atmosphere because of evaporation.

■ What is hand watering?

Hand watering is standing in your yard with your water hose or watering can. Hose-connected sprinklers are not allowed during the restricted period. Leaving an open-ended hose running is also not allowed during the restricted period.

Rain and Freeze Sensors

■ How much water will rain sensors save?

Studies in similar climates and local experience indicate that in north Texas rain sensors should reduce the amount of water used for lawn irrigation by about 25%. Savings like this will pay back sensor equipment and installation costs in as little time as a year, depending on the size of the irrigation system.

■ Where is the list of approved sensors published?

Visit our web site, www.ci.arlington.tx.us/water, or contact us by email, phone, or mail to obtain a list.

■ Do rain and freeze sensors need to be separate units, or will a combination unit work?

Combination rain and freeze units are acceptable and convenient, and may be purchased at a hardware store if you plan to install them yourself. Contact a landscape irrigator for current installation prices.