

WASTING WATER

The wasting of water is prohibited. Waste of water is defined as the intentional or non-intentional use of water for a non-beneficial purpose, including, but not by way of limitation: continuous application of water to any lawn, turf or sodded area resulting in pooling or the flowing of water into the drainage or storm drainage facilities, including sidewalks, gutters, or streets; failure to repair any irrigation system that is leaking; and application of water intended for lawn irrigation to an impervious surface such as building exteriors, a street, sidewalk, or driveway.

Upon being informed a water waste violation due to a malfunctioning, leaking or damaged irrigation system, the owner or responsible party will be allowed three calendar days to repair the condition without incurring subsequent violations.

Vehicle washing is not considered to be a waste of water unless the hose is left running while the vehicle is being cleaned. The owner must use a nozzle on the hose that turns off automatically to prevent wasting water. Car washing may only take place on the designated watering day.

WASTING WATER FEES

The following fee schedule will be followed for the issuance of warning and fees for Wasting Water or for not following the Outside Irrigation Schedules:

- (1) Upon a first violation, the person billed will be issued a warning notice.
- (2) Upon a second violation the person billed will be issued a written violation and a charge of \$100.00 will be added to the water bill for the property.
- (3) Upon a third violation the person billed will be issued a written violation and a charge of \$250.00 will be added to the water bill for the property.
- (4) Upon a fourth or any subsequent violation the person billed will be issued a written violation and a charge of \$500.00 will be added to the water bill for the property. In addition, the director may order a suspension of water service to the property or the installation of a water flow restrictor on the water meter. If water service to the property is suspended or a water flow restrictor installed, the person billed shall be required to make a \$500.00 deposit to the utilities department of the City before water service is resumed or the water flow restrictor removed. The deposit will be applied to any additional violations of these rules. In the event there are no additional violations, said deposit or what is left will be returned to the person billed by October 15.

MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

Water monitors are employed by the City as full-time positions or as temporary part-time positions. Water monitors will monitor water use, including outdoor water use and water waste. Water monitors will receive ongoing training about customer service, public education and safety.

Water monitors will note the date, time and type of watering schedule or water wasting violation. The monitors shall make reasonable efforts to make personal contact with the responsible party when issuing a violation or warning.

Fees for water waste will be applied to the customer accounts within one week of the date of the violation.