

# Know and Follow Irrigation Restrictions

To conserve water resources and allow the City's water system flexibility in meeting peak demands, irrigation restrictions are in effect from **May 1st through September 30th**. These restrictions include an odd-even schedule and a midday ban.

**Otsego water restrictions allow for odd even irrigation and prohibits watering from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all days.**

Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate on odd numbered calendar days. Those with addresses ending in an even number may irrigate on even numbered days. The restrictions apply to all city water customers. Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly.

Homeowners' associations and apartment complexes that provide a common irrigation system shall irrigate only every other day as determined by location. Common irrigation systems north of 80<sup>th</sup> Street may irrigate on odd numbered calendar days. Those located south of 80<sup>th</sup> Street may irrigate on even numbered calendar days.

## Exceptions

Limited hand watering of plants using a hose or hand held watering container, car washing and general use of power washers.

If you have new sod, seed or landscaping, you do not need to follow the odd-even restrictions during the first 30 days after planting. **You must, however, still abide by the midday ban from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To qualify for this exception, you must fill out an IRRIGATION EXCEPTION FORM.**

These forms are available at the City Hall, on our City website: [www.ci.otsego.mn.us](http://www.ci.otsego.mn.us) OR call Utility Billing at 763-441-2310.

## Penalties

Failure to comply with these restrictions shall result in a surcharge for water service for each violation which will be added to the water bill for the property on which such violation occurs.

Violators will be notified prior to the imposition of surcharge mailed to the property owner and the City shall presume receipt of the notice three (3) days after mailing. Subsequent violations in the same calendar year will result in the imposition of a surcharge to be included on the water bill for the property.