

# City of Buffalo Watering Ordinance!

May 1st  
to October 1st

## Odd - Even Watering

No watering between:

**7:00 am - 7:00 pm**

Even house numbers may water on even-numbered calendar days.

Odd house numbers may water on odd-numbered calendar days.

*(Restrictions apply to all City of Buffalo businesses and residents)*

Drought conditions are becoming the new normal in many parts of the country. To conserve water resources and allow the City's water system flexibility in meeting peak demands, the new annual watering restriction ordinance is in effect from May 1st - October 1st with watering allowed between 7:00 pm - 7:00 am.

### New Sod, Seed or Landscaping?

Contact the City of Buffalo to receive a 30-day Watering Exemption.



Raise your  
mower deck to 3"

Raising your mower deck to 3" or more can be beneficial to your lawn. Having a longer blade will produce the needed food for a healthy root system and new shoot growth. It will shade the ground underneath keeping the soil cooler, and will not dry out as quickly as lawn that has been mowed short. Keeping your mower deck higher and your grass longer will make it more difficult for unwanted vegetation to grow in your lawn. Less water, less fertilizer, less herbicide, are better for the environment and our community.

Plant native, drought resistant shrubs and ground-cover instead of turf in areas of your landscape that are sloped. Grouping together plants that have similar watering needs will make watering and yard maintenance easier.



Consider having your irrigation system audited.

City of Buffalo utility customers can qualify for a **\$50.00**

**utility bill rebate** on existing irrigation systems. By getting a system tune-up from an irrigation contractor, you will receive recommendations to optimize your irrigation system with zone appropriate heads and spray patterns, which conserves water and saves money.



**Enforcement:** Please make every effort to conserve water! Failure to comply with these restrictions will result in a water surcharge on your utility bill. These surcharges increase with each violation. Subsequent violations will result in a surcharge to the monthly utility bill for the property.

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