

**Sec. 52-173. - Water conservation measures.****(a) Water conservation measures.**

- (1) In the interest of conservation and regardless of drought or emergency conservation measures, the city encourages the following water conservation measures:
  - a. Water-efficient fixtures and appliances, including toilets, urinals, showerheads, and faucets; and
  - b. Low water-use landscaping and efficient irrigation;
  - c. The mayor, through the city administrator, shall work with all industrial water users in an effort to conserve water and to use effluent and other non-potable water when technologically feasible.
  - d. Implementation of appropriate water conservation and recycling measures at businesses using water for commercial purposes including but not limited to water recycling systems for car washes and drip irrigation or other water saving methods for nurseries or other establishments selling plants for commercial purposes.
- (2) The city shall establish a program for purposes of disseminating information regarding water-use efficiency measures, including public education programs and demonstrations of water-saving techniques.
- (3) The city shall enforce all applicable provisions of the building and plumbing codes as adopted and amended from time to time by the State of New Mexico, where those provisions relate to the conservation of water and are otherwise consistent with this article.
- (4) The wasteful use of water is prohibited. Water waste means any non-beneficial use of water, but does not include the malfunction of plumbing or irrigation systems where unforeseen and unpreventable.

**(b) Base water conservation measures. In order to preserve and protect water resources, the following base water conservation measures shall be in effect:**

- (1) From April 1 through September 30 of each year, the outdoor use of city water through a sprinkler, sprinkler system, hose, or any other source except as provided herein to water any grass, trees, plants, or other vegetation shall occur only as follows:
  - a. City water users with **odd numbered street addresses** shall use water for the above described purposes only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday; and
  - b. City water users with **even numbered street addresses** shall use water for the above described purposes only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; and
  - c. **No outdoor watering shall be done between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; and**
  - d. Newly seeded or sodded lawns or newly planted trees or shrubs shall be exempted from the restrictions imposed for the time period needed to establish the lawn, tree, or shrub, which time period shall not exceed 60 days from the seeding, sodding, or planting; and
  - e. Plants which cannot be kept alive without daily watering may be watered from a bucket, but may not be watered through a sprinkler, sprinkler system, hose or any other source on the days or during the times when watering is otherwise prohibited; and
- (2) Restaurants and food service facilities shall provide drinking water to customers only upon request; and

(3) No person shall cause or permit water waste of city water.

(4) Any leak in a system which carries, delivers, or stores city water must be repaired within five working days of the discovery of the leak.

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