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Summer Irrigation Odd-Even Watering Schedule

Landscape irrigation makes up a large portion of water consumption, particularly during the warmer months of the year. There are many sophisticated automated, in-ground lawn sprinkler systems in use today; however, these systems require regular maintenance to operate efficiently. Even the most properly maintained system can be operated unwisely.

Des Moines Water Works encourages central Iowa businesses and homeowners to Use Water Wisely, a recommended program aimed at smart summer irrigation. By improving the efficiency of irrigation practices, businesses and homeowners can reduce consumption, save money, and reduce the peak load on water facilities.

Recommended Schedule

The recommended outdoor irrigation schedule applies to all spray irrigation systems for businesses and homes:

- Watering is not recommended on Mondays.
- Even-numbered addresses are encouraged to water on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm.
- Odd-numbered addresses are encouraged to water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm.
- Water is not recommended during the hottest part of the days hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Examples

My home address is: **5018**

Recommended irrigation schedule: Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm.

My business address is: **1355**

Recommended irrigation schedule: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm.

For more information, visit:
www.dmww.com/education/using-water-wisely

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVEN		ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD

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2019 Citizen Water Academy

Des Moines Water Works has successfully supplied safe, abundant and affordable drinking water to central Iowans for 100 years; however, the associated planning, production, distribution, monitoring, and challenges presented by deteriorating source water are not common knowledge among most citizens. Des Moines Water Works is hosting the third annual Citizen Water Academy – a free, four-session crash course about the history, use and management of water in the central Iowa region.

The Citizen Water Academy is designed to help community members learn and appreciate our most important natural resource – the water we depend on for life. Selected participants will receive 16 hours of instruction, tour multiple treatment plants operated by Des Moines Water Works, listen to presentations from soil, water and environmental professionals, and interact with Des Moines Water Works staff over the four sessions of this program. It is the goal that participants not only come away from the Academy with a better understanding of their local water utility, but are also equipped to help lead the conversation on important water issues now and in the future.

“Excellent speakers with quality information. This will help me be a much better citizen and advocate.”

– Patricia Prijatel, Drake Professor Emerita and health writer; Citizen Water Academy 2018 graduate

The previous Water Academy cohorts included participants from all backgrounds – Des Moines Water Works customers, Des Moines area city councilmembers and staff, county supervisors, young professionals, writers, teachers, and more. For more information and to apply to be a part of the 2019 Citizen Water Academy class, visit www.CitizenWaterAcademy.com. The deadline to apply is September 20, 2019. Des Moines Water Works staff will review all applications, give consideration to ensure the class composition is diverse and regionally balanced, and select no more than 24 candidates. Candidates must commit to attending all four sessions.

“You covered a lot of information in a short amount of time. I’m impressed with the program.”

– Katie Rock, Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner; Citizen Water Academy 2018 graduate

Annual Water Quality Report

Water plays a key role in your health and Des Moines Water Works plays a key role in providing Water You Can Trust for Life. Supplying approximately 500,000 central Iowans with safe, affordable and abundant drinking water is Des Moines Water Works’ mission.

As a regional water utility, Des Moines Water Works’ top priority is to ensure customers have a reliable, secure water supply. To achieve that, we responsibly invest in maintenance and upgrades to critical infrastructure that supports or supplies water to the residents of Des Moines and surrounding communities. We closely monitor the water supply to identify and treat contaminants and regularly review treatment methods and operations for efficiency. Des Moines Water Works’ extensive monitoring program allows us to evaluate our ever-challenging source waters and treat them effectively.

In order to ensure drinking water is safe, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Des Moines Water Works’ 2019 Consumer Confidence Report is now available at: www.dmww.com/up/documents/library2019ccr.pdf. This annual water quality report summarizes the results of our water monitoring program as required by the EPA during 2018.

If you are unable to view the report or would like a copy mailed to you, please contact a Customer Service Representative at (515) 283-8700.

