



WATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY

Currently, Decatur Utilities (DU) Water Treatment Plant Operations are stable and source water levels are normal. However, DU's current water system demands are at an all time daily high due to current drought conditions and higher than normal temperatures for this time of year. Due to these conditions, Decatur Utilities, in partnership with its resale customers, Hartselle Utilities, Northeast Morgan County Water & Sewer Authority and Limestone County Water & Sewer Authority, are urging all customers to conserve water by following these water conservation guidelines.

Water Irrigation Advisory

Lawn watering should only occur a maximum of 3 times per week between the hours of **9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.** The following guidelines should be used:

- ∞ Even numbered addresses may water on even days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc.).
- ∞ Odd numbered addresses may water on odd days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.).
- ∞ Locations without a discernable address, such as rights-of-way and other common areas inside a subdivision, should be limited to 3 times per week.

Water Conservation Tips

- ∞ It takes 660 gallons of water to supply 1,000 square feet of lawn with 1 inch of water. (This is almost the same amount as you use inside the house in an entire week.) As a general rule, established lawns do not need to be watered more often than every five to seven days.
- ∞ Don't allow sprinklers to water your street, driveway or sidewalk.
- ∞ During dry weather, raise the height of your mower so that you are cutting grass at the highest recommended height. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.
- ∞ Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. Fertilizer applications increase the need for water.
- ∞ Use mulch around trees and shrubs and in garden beds to retain moisture in the soil.
- ∞ Do not use the hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.
- ∞ Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose so that water flows only as needed.
- ∞ Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.
- ∞ If you wash your car, park it on the grass and use hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Please report a water leak, water outage or loss of water pressure, by calling Decatur Utilities main number (256) 552-1400 or NE Morgan County Water and Sewer at 256.778.8915.

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