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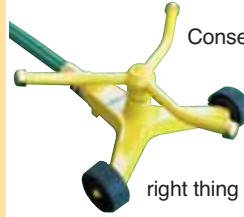
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR LAWN, IT'S THE LAW

Our water supply—the amount of water available from the Chicot Aquifer—is plentiful. It is only the demand for water at peak times of the day (late afternoon and evening) that causes the water pressure in our system to drop dangerously low.

To manage this potential threat, the City-Parish Council adopted an ordinance in 2001 that established water conservation practices from **May 1 - September 30** of each year. The ordinance is aimed at combating low water pressure during our community's peak hours of usage due to an overwhelming use of automated watering systems.

It is a regulatory measure to encourage wise water use and to prevent a threat to fire-fighting efforts in our community. In addition, low water pressure greatly increases the risk of contamination of our water system.

LAFAYETTE HAS A PROBLEM WITH LOW WATER PRESSURE AT PEAK USER TIMES & YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.



Conserving water will not only help alleviate our pressure problem, it's good for the environment and healthy for the earth. So let's all do our part to help—it's the right thing to do for yourself, your family and your community.

On average, 35% of home water is used outdoors for watering lawns and gardens.



LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM

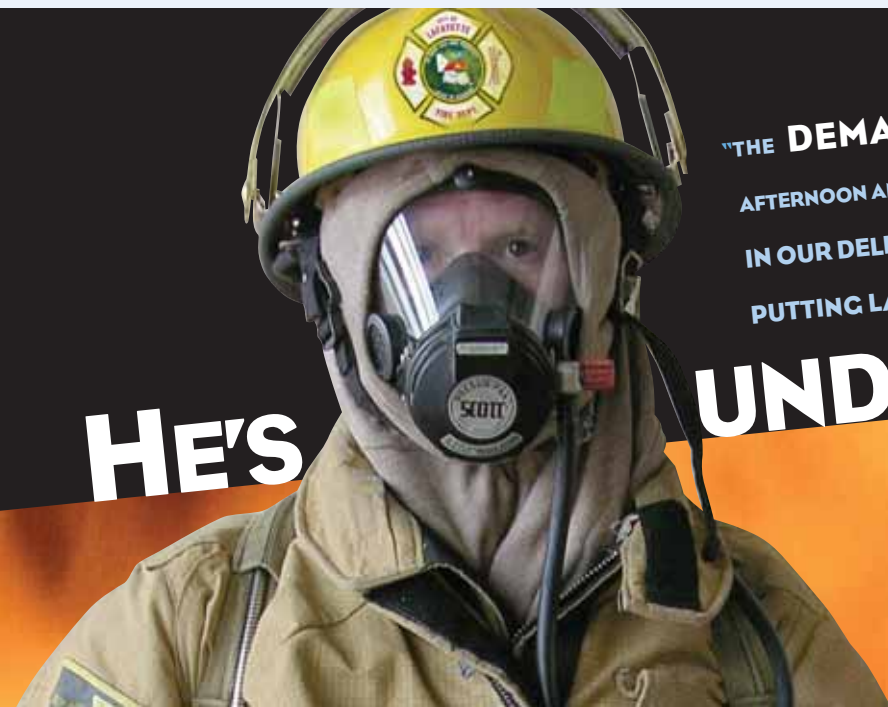
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"THE DEMAND FOR WATER AT PEAK TIMES OF THE DAY (LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING) CAUSES THE WATER PRESSURE IN OUR DELIVERY SYSTEM TO DROP DANGEROUSLY LOW PUTTING LAFAYETTE AT RISK."

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KNOW YOUR LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

Water Conservation Keeps Lafayette Parish Safe

Each year, from May 1 through September 30, Lafayette Utilities System and the Lafayette Consolidated Government enact a water conservation ordinance aimed at combating low water pressure due to automated lawn watering during the peak hours of late afternoon and evening. A schedule has been developed designating times for **automated lawn watering (sprinklers & watering systems) from midnight to 2:00 p.m.** This is a total of 14 hours of watering time per day. **Hand-held hose watering of your lawn or garden is not subject to this schedule.**


The ordinance applies to LUS residential, commercial, and wholesale customers - Youngsville, Broussard, Milton, Scott, Water District North, Water District South - using automated watering systems and sprinklers.

With a few simple adjustments to your lawn-watering schedule, you can help keep our community safe and earth-friendly.

Exceptions to the Ordinance

- **Hand-Watering** - the hose must be actually held by hand and equipped with a shut-off nozzle
- **Soaker Hoses or Drip Irrigation**
- **Newly Planted Sod, Landscaping and Ground Cover** - initial 30-day exemption applies for daily watering during the designated time of midnight to 2:00p.m. ONLY. Property owner must call their water provider to qualify for this exemption. (see phone numbers below)
- **Businesses That Require Water To Operate** - such as plant nurseries & commercial car washes
- **Customers Using A Water Supply Other Than LUS** - such as private wells or ponds

Water Conservation Ordinance is in effect May 1 through September 30

LUS LAWFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE							
DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ADDRESS	even		odd	even	odd	even	odd
TIME	watering permitted between the hours of midnight & 2:00PM						

There is no automated watering on Mondays.

- **Customers with odd numbered addresses (ending with 1,3,5,7,9) water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.**

- **Customers with even numbered addresses (ending with 0,2,4,6,8) water on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.**



We hope everyone follows the law, but there are consequences for those who do not. Penalty provisions for not adhering to the watering schedule will be as follows:

FIRST OFFENSE: written warning

SECOND OFFENSE: \$50 fine

THIRD OFFENSE: \$100 fine and publication of name in a legal journal

FOURTH OFFENSE: \$200 fine and publication of name in a legal journal

FIFTH OFFENSE: \$500 fine and publication of name in a legal journal

Fines will be added to the offender's utility bill. Offenses stay on record for three years and fines are cumulative. Enforcement will be by LUS water operations personnel. Persons cited can appeal within 15 days. Appeals will be heard at the Parking Adjudicator's office.

For more information, call your water provider below:

Water Provider	Information
Lafayette Utilities System	291-5743
Broussard	837-6681 Ext. 1
Milton	856-6206
Scott	233-1130
Youngsville	856-4181
Water District North	896-8683
Water District South	989-9600

Tips from professionals on proper lawn maintenance.

- Adjust the timer on automatic sprinklers according to weather conditions.
- Install a rain shut-off device on automatic sprinklers or turn off irrigation systems to eliminate watering during rainy days. Purchase a rain gauge to determine how much water your lawn is receiving.
- Install moisture sensors on automatic sprinkler systems. They determine when the soil needs water, and automatically turn on the sprinkler.
- Install a drip irrigation system and soaker hoses for watering gardens, trees and shrubs.
- Never leave a garden hose running. A running hose can produce up to 600 gallons of water usage in just a few hours.
- Watering should be done on infrequent, but deep cycles. This creates a healthy root system that is better equipped to withstand heat and drought.
- Only water when your lawn is thirsty. Over watering promotes shallow root growth making your lawn less hardy. (To determine if your lawn needs to be watered, simply walk across the grass. If you leave footprints, it's time to water using the schedule.)