

Gallup asking residents to conserve water

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The City of Gallup is asking for your help to conserve water and avoid mandatory restrictions.

As part of the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP), the city soon will place the new Gameraco tanks into service that will create a much larger reserve capacity than currently exists. The existing pipeline has reached the end of its service life and will be replaced with a new larger pipeline as well.

The current connection to our system requires us to very closely monitor and restrict flows through the old pipeline until the switchover is completed in late August. The necessary flow restrictions will prevent the city from building its normal overnight reserves. Until the work is completed, residents may experience slightly reduced water pressures.

In order to avoid any mandatory controls on water use, we are asking the public for voluntary water restrictions effective immediately and through August or until the Gameraco tanks are placed into service. You can help the city by observing the following practices:

- Avoid watering your lawn or using irrigation systems during the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm;
- Be on the lookout for water waste and stop leaks. Don't let water run down the street and fix toilet valve leaks promptly;
- Don't wash or flush gutters, sidewalks and buildings;

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- Avoid or reduce washing of cars;

If mandatory restrictions become necessary, they will be enforced in accordance with the Water Conservation Ordinance (C2006-8; Title 8, Chapter 2). If you have any Questions, please contact Elizabeth at 863-1393. Thank you for your cooperation.

WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS (From our Ordinance):

- The use or application of water in such a manner, rate and/or quantity that it flows and/or sprays onto adjacent property or the public right-of-way sufficient to cause ponding or flow;
- The escape of water through breaks or leaks for any period of time within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected;
- The washing of any street, sidewalk, parking lot, driveway or other hard surfaced area.

TIME AND DAY OF IRRIGATION (If absolutely necessary):

Residences, commercial and industrial properties, along with institutional and public residences and facilities will have irrigation restricted during the months of April thru September:

- Residences, commercial and industrial properties, along with institutional and public residences and facilities will be allowed to irrigate as follows:

1) When the property has an odd-numbered address, that property will irrigate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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2) When the property has an even-numbered address, that property will irrigate on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

3) No one is to irrigate on Mondays.

- No irrigation will be allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Upon petition to the City Council, a majority of the Council may provide a waiver to entities that prove the above section this Ordinance poses a hardship.
- The Water Systems Superintendent may issue site-specific waivers to the irrigation restrictions to allow for irrigation of new sod/seed areas for a period not to exceed 14 calendar days.

CAR WASHING:

- All Self-Service Car Wash wand nozzles shall not use more than 3.0 gallons of water per minute and be equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle. Such nozzle shall stop the flow of water through the hose when released by the operator.
- The use of garden hoses of any type for vehicle washing at commercial facilities is not considered an approved method; and
- Charity carwashes are prohibited, except when in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, Section 8-6-1.

PLUMBING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Leaking Plumbing Fixtures Prohibited: The continued use of leaky pipes and taps, leaking toilets or lavatories, or other appliances which waste water is prohibited.