



Friday, June 16, 2023

Declaration of Water Supply Emergency

Due to regional drought, the Village of Western Springs' water demand has averaged 2.384 MGD. This is on track with the drought conditions we experienced in 2021.

YEAR	AVERAGE DAILY DEMAND (MGD)
2023	2.384
2022	1.948
2021	2.341
2020	2.097
2019	1.699

The weather forecast indicates that the unusually dry weather and high temperatures will continue into the next month. To meet the health, sanitary, safety, fire protection, and public welfare needs of the Village and its citizens, I have determined that it is necessary to issue a watering restriction in the Village of Western Springs. This restriction is authorized by Ordinance (03-2233, 4-21-2003), Section 8-5-6 (Water Supply) of the Village Code. The need for conservation was discussed at the Public Works and Water Committee meeting of June 14, 2023, and the Committee members concurred that the conditions warrant additional action.

All residents will be required to conserve water by only watering lawns and gardens on a rotation of every other day. The last digit of an address determines the watering day. If an address ends in an even number, the resident can water on even calendar days; if the address ends in an odd number, the resident can water on odd calendar days. The watering restriction is put into effect on Friday, June 16, 2023, and will be in effect until further notice.

The Village intends to enforce these watering restrictions and encourages residents to be conscientious and to communicate with their neighbors about conserving water. Property owners are responsible for setting automatic timers accordingly and/or notifying lawn care services.

Please check the Village website at www.wsprings.com for any updates or call the Municipal Services Department at 708-246-1800 ext. 200.

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Village Manager

cc: Village President and Board of Trustees