Notice from Prairie Village Water Trust
* Summer Watering Restrictions*

This is a reminder to all property owners who use water from the Prairie Village Water Trust (PVWT) that watering restrictions are in effect beginning every May 15 through September 15 (or later, if necessary). You may have read or heard that other communities in the area have also implemented restrictions. For example, the City of Waukesha restricts watering to two days per week with no watering allowed from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on any day.

Watering restrictions go into effect this time of year because the expense to run and maintain the pumps increases dramatically during this period. For example, the average water usage from October through May is roughly 150,000 gallons daily. In prior years, in the summer months we are recording instances of 600,000 to 900,000 gallons daily. During these times, the cost of electricity to operate the well pumps increases significantly. The additional "wear and tear" on the pumps may result in additional repair expense to keep them in proper operating condition. Further, unrestricted watering may deplete water stored in the elevated tower which must be reserved for fire fighting purposes. Therefore, the following restrictions are in effect starting May 15:

1. **Lawn Watering Schedule: Properties may water only between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm depending on its address. Properties with odd-numbered addresses (address ends in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may water on any odd-numbered calendar day during this time. Properties with even-numbered addresses (address ends in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8) may water on any even-numbered calendar day during this time. There are no exceptions for new lawns and landscaping. These can be sustained with alternate day watering.**
   (NOTE: The Broadlands Golf Course waters from its own well, not from the Water Trust.)

2. **A hand-held watering can, container, or hose may be used at any time to water gardens, trees, and shrubs, but only if the watering device is used manually and is not left unattended.**

3. **Odd/Even Exception: Anybody can water June 1, August 1 and September 1. This enables an even-numbered property to maintain an "every-other-day" watering schedule. It also means every property has an opportunity for two consecutive watering days. Odd-numbered addresses have May 31 and June 1, July 31 and August 1 as well as August 31 and September 1. Even-numbered addresses have June 1 and 2, August 1 and 2 as well as September 1 and 2.**

4. **Violations: To be fair to those who follow these restrictions, and to avoid increasing rates for everyone, the Trust will assess a 'watering restriction violation' charge of $70.00 for each instance of non-compliance to property owners who do not comply with these restrictions, beginning with the first instance of non-compliance. These charges will be due in 10 days. If unpaid by the 11th day, the Water Trust will start proceedings to turn off the property's water.**

If each property adheres to these restrictions, we can maintain our rates as the lowest in the area. If you have any questions on these restrictions, or suggestions for the Trust, please call the PVWT office at 392-5199.

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