

Town Residents,

For those that followed our watering restriction for the past few days, thank you very much. It gave us the time we needed to address and rectify the problems we were having. Our tanks are full and water is flowing from the springs as it should. It also gave us the time needed to look over state and other local guidelines for watering based upon the current drought situation both locally and statewide. What is needed going forward is to adopt one of the recommended watering conservation programs set forward by the state. Going forward, the following outdoor watering restriction must be followed.

- No watering from 10am to 6pm. When watering during these times, up to 25% of water is lost due to evaporation.
- Below are recommendations from the state on how long to water based upon your sprinklers.
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Each watering should apply  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of water. To determine how long your stations should run to apply a  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", we recommend getting a [Water Check](#) or [doing one yourself](#). The application rate of a sprinkler system depends on the pressure, spacing, and distribution of water. Below are some general ranges of typical run times based on precipitation rate:

| Head Type  | Precipitation Rate | Run Time for 0.5" | Cycle Recommendation       |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Spray Head | 1.3" - 2.0"        | 23 - 15 min       | 3 cycles<br>(8 or 5 min)   |
| Rotor Head | 0.4" - 1.0"        | 75 - 30 min       | 3 cycles<br>(25 or 10 min) |
| MSMT Head  | 0.4" - 0.6"        | 75 - 50 min       | 3 cycles<br>(25 or 17 min) |

Thank you all again very much for your support and we apologize for any inconvenience.

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