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Permanent water conservation regulations in place for Lafayette

LAFAYETTE, Colo April 15, 2014 – In November 2013 the Lafayette City Council enacted a permanent water conservation ordinance implementing watering regulations to protect the City's water resources. These practices are beneficial conservation practices regardless of drought conditions.

As of November, the following rules are in place;

- No outdoor irrigation may occur between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm. Exceptions are residential hand watering with a hose, and the irrigation of commercial agriculture, city-owned athletic fields and the city-operated golf course.
- Excessive overrun of water onto any area not covered by vegetation such as sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streets and other paved areas is prohibited.
- The spraying down or washing of any paved area, such as a private driveway, with a hose is not allowed.

Additional tips to for outdoor water efficiency:

- **Water twice a week:** Water twice a week to make grass more resilient. Watering twice a week will make grass roots grow deeper and allow the grass to last longer without water. Cycle sprinkler system run times to prevent runoff. Instead of setting each zone to water for fifteen minutes, set each zone to water for five minutes, every hour, for three hours.
- **Let grass grow longer:** Raise lawn mower blades and protect lawns from heat by letting grass grow longer.
- **When it rains, water less:** Watch the weather and adjust watering days and times accordingly. Residents and businesses with sprinkler system control clocks can use rain sensors to shut off irrigation before or during rainstorms.

For additional information and FAQ's visit the Water Conservation page at www.cityoflafayette.com/PublicWorks

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