

ATTENTION LYTLE WATER CUSTOMERS

Since the City of Lytle is already in Stage 2 of the Critical Period Plan effective March 4, 2013, we felt the need to add some extra information with our newsletter.

As most of you already know the following are guidelines concerning conservation since we are required to cut back water usage by 30% during Stage 2.

STAGE 2 LYTLE DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS.

Lytle is affected by Stage 2 Restrictions. Please conserve, as we are required to cut back water usage by 30%. Restrictions are as follows: water waste is prohibited at all times; use of fountains or waterfalls is prohibited; washing driveways or sidewalks is prohibited; use of commercial car wash facilities is allowed; you should reduce water consumption by any means; hand watering with hand-held hose, soaker hose, or watering can is permitted any time and any day; residential washing of vehicles is allowed only on assigned watering days and times, but water should not be allowed to run during this task; watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed only once a week from 8 to 10 P.M. or between 3 and 8 A.M. on your designated watering day as determined by your address. Please listen to the news on T.V. or call city hall to find out which day you can water with sprinkler. Your help in conserving will help avoid stricter restrictions.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL SWIMMING POOL OWNERS

DURING STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 25% OF THE SURFACE AREA COVERED WITH AN EVAPORATION SCREEN WHEN YOUR POOL IS NOT IN USE. OUR CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER WILL BE CHECKING ON THIS PARTICULAR RULE, SINCE WE ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO CONSERVE.

On the bottom and back of this page are 25 tips for conserving water. Most are fairly easy to do, and show us how we take water for granted. Remember that saving water starts with you. Please read the tips below and you will see that we all can help conserve water with the tips below:

- 1-When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- 2-Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- 3-For cold drinks, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator, instead of running the tap.
- 4-Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- 5-You can use the water from rinsing fruits and vegetables to water house plants instead of sending it down the drain.
- 6-Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you can save up to 150 gallons per month.
- 7-Adjust your lawn mower setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.

- 8-When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- 9-Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing this leak can save 1,000 gallons a month.
- 10-When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- 11-Collect water from your roof to water your garden.
- 12-Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- 13-Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety, or use your microwave oven.
- 14-When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- 15-Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- 16-Don't water your yard and lawn on windy days since most of the water blows away or evaporates.
- 17-Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- 18-Turn off the water while your brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- 19-If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
- 20-Bathe your young children together.
- 21-Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons a month or more.
- 22-Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.
- 23-Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- 24-When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.
- 25-If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

As you can see from the above 25 tips, we all are guilty of a few of the above. Do your part to help us conserve water.