



Class 2 Water Restriction

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To the Residents of Airway Heights,

As is widely known, last year the City shut down three wells due to PFOS/PFOA contamination. The City is in the process restoring the water capacity that was lost by installing temporary treatment on one of our wells (with assistance from the Air Force) as well as by expanding our water supply capacity from the City of Spokane. In the meantime, we are enacting a Class 2 Water Restriction for City of Airway Heights water customers effective May 7, 2018.

We will be reducing the watering at our city parks and playfields by 50%. Other city facilities that are connected to our water system will also reduce their water usage. We are asking Airway Heights' residents and businesses to reduce their irrigation use. Outdoor watering accounts for nearly 60% of water use in Airway Heights during the summer.

We ask that everyone follow these conservation measures:

- Automatic in-ground sprinklers are permitted for watering lawns and landscaping only as follows:
 - **Even-numbered addresses may water on even dates.**
 - **Odd-numbered addresses may water on odd dates.**
- Watering of established lawns, trees and shrubs: Please water established lawns and plants at homes, businesses, apartments and open spaces before 10 AM or after 6 PM.
- Vegetable gardens and flowers may be watered. However, please do so only in the cooler hours of the day to reduce evaporation. If you have not already applied mulch to your garden, do so as soon as possible. Use a soaker hose or drip lines instead of a sprinkler, or water by hand, so that water goes only to the plants that need it.
- Lawn height. Let your grass grow longer by raising your lawnmower's cutting height. Longer blades of grass help shade each other, reducing evaporation.
- Stop fertilizing; it only promotes new growth. When you mow, leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture.

Thank you for your understanding. Your cooperation is essential to our community.

Please visit our website www.cawh.org for updates and for additional water saving tips for your home or business. If there are questions regarding water use or conservation efforts, please contact the Water Department at (509) 244-5429.

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