

Get in the Water Zone!

The Village of Mokena continually monitors and assesses its outdoor watering program for lawn sprinkling. The program we have in place is one of the most comprehensive in the South Suburbs, making Mokena a leader in pro-active customer service. This year, we've slightly modified our zone program to allow for more flexibility in the event of unfavorable weather conditions and to more closely conform with our upstream supplier's watering regulations. With your help and cooperation, the program should allow you and your neighbors to water your lawns with moderation throughout the summer. We are confident that this program will continue to succeed and that Mokena residents will recognize the need to work together should we experience a hot, dry summer. The sprinkling program is easy to understand and will continue to utilize a "Zone" format which is further defined below. Questions regarding the zone program may be directed to (708) 479-3926.

GREEN ZONE - ODD/EVEN, 7-11 A.M. or P.M.

This is the normal outdoor watering regulation that begins every year from May 15th to September 15th. Since the switch-over to Lake Michigan water, residents have adapted to this schedule quite well. The watering schedule will not change from last year and will still be called the **Green Zone**. As a reminder, the guidelines for the **Green Zone** are listed below:

- Outdoor lawn sprinkling is allowed on an odd/even basis, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- On odd-numbered days of the month, Residents with odd-numbered addresses may water their lawn, and on even-numbered days of the month, residents with even-numbered addresses may water their lawn.

YELLOW ZONE - CONSERVE BY ONE-THIRD

This is the next level outdoor watering regulation. The **Yellow Zone** requests cooperation from the entire community to voluntarily reduce outdoor watering by 1/3 until conditions improve. A Yellow Zone will be implemented when:

- **Continual hot, dry weather conditions exist and;**
- **Daily consumption trends move upward reducing necessary water system storage reserves and;**
- **Forecasted weather conditions are likely to continue or worsen.**

If a **Yellow Zone** is implemented, we all need to **react quickly** by skipping our next regulary scheduled watering time. Conservation is the key!! Residents will be allowed to water during normal times without actual restrictions. However, we are urging Residents to voluntarily **conserve** water during a Yellow Zone.

In order for the **Yellow Zone** to succeed (and to avoid entering into mandatory restrictions) a 1/3 reduction in outdoor water consumption is needed to allow the water system to recover. Therefore, talk to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to cooperate by reducing their outdoor watering by 1/3 if the **Yellow Zone** is implemented.

When the **Yellow Zone** is in effect, we all need to work together to quickly reduce outdoor water consumption by 1/3. If we can accomplish this goal, no further restrictions should be required.

YELLOW ZONE - CONSERVE BY 1/3 As easy as . . .

- Skipping next scheduled watering
- Then watering next 2 regularly scheduled days
- And skipping next scheduled watering

ORANGE ZONE - 7A.M. - 11 A.M. (MORNING ONLY)

This is the new Tier 1 mandatory outdoor watering restriction. Should we experience a hot, dry summer and the Yellow Zone does not reduce outdoor watering by 33% we may be required to implement this restriction if necessary

- The **Orange Zone** will allow outdoor watering in the morning only between the hours of 7am and 11am on an odd/even basis.
- No evening sprinkling will be allowed in this zone.

RED ZONE - ONE DAY

The **Red Zone** will consist of Tiers 2 & 3 outdoor watering restrictions. The Red Zone will be put into effect in the event of emergencies which require a major decrease in outdoor water usage. The Red Zone tiers are defined below:

Tier 2

Will allow outdoor watering of lawns one day per week, Monday or Tuesday on odd/even days, based on your address, 7:00 - 11:00 AM & 7:00 - 11:00 PM.

Tier 3

Will be a total ban in case of water system failure, but we hope to never ever get to this type of restriction again.

Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Orange Zone	Red Zone
Normal watering times	Reduce outdoor watering by 1/3 - immediately	Watering allowed on odd/even days 7-11am only	Watering allowed one day per week-based on odd/even

Zone Notification, May 15 - September 15

For easy zone identification, signs will be posted throughout the Village which will be color coded in **Green**, **Yellow**, **Orange** or **Red**. Examples of the signs have been provided below. You can also find the zone currently in effect at the following locations:

- Village's Cable Channel 6
- Village website at www.mokena.org
- Call the Village Hall at (708) 479-3926 or (708) 479-3900 (an automated voice message is available after normal business hours).
- Local news media (subject to their discretion)

You can check out any one of these options at any time to find out which outdoor watering zone is in effect. If you wish to be notified when a zone change occurs, you can register on the home page of the Village website (www.mokena.org) under "Notify Me".

WATERING REGULATION IN EFFECT	WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT	TIER 1 WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT	TIER 2 WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT
WATER ONLY FROM 7-11 AM 7-11 PM	VOLUNTARY SPRINKLING REDUCTION REQUIRED	WATERING ALLOWED 7-11 am ONLY	WATER MONDAY OR TUESDAY ONLY 7-11am/7-11pm
ODD OR EVEN DAYS BASED ON THE LAST DIGIT OF YOUR ADDRESS	PLEASE REDUCE OUTSIDE LAWN SPRINKLING BY 33% TO AVOID INCREASED RESTRICTIONS	ODD OR EVEN DAYS BASED ON THE LAST DIGIT OF YOUR ADDRESS	ODD OR EVEN DAYS BASED ON THE LAST DIGIT OF YOUR ADDRESS