



Village of Montgomery Water Conservation Regulations

Water is a limited natural resource that must be used wisely and protected for the future. To accomplish this, the Village Board passed Ordinance #1250 amending the mandatory water conservation regulations in the Village of Montgomery, which applies to all users of Village water from May 1 – September 30 each year. The amendment makes it **illegal to water a new lawn** (a lawn planted between July and August 31) with water from the Village system.

Restricted Watering

Landscape watering (except new sod and seeded turf lawns) or the filling of swimming pools is allowed from 6:00 am-9:00 am and again from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm as follows:

- Properties with an even-numbered address may water on even-numbered calendar dates.
- Properties with an odd-numbered address may water on odd-numbered calendar dates.

These restrictions do not apply to hand-held watering devices; swimming pools holding 50 gallons or less; or vehicle and equipment washing.

Sod Laying and Lawn Seeding

From July 1 through August 30, use of water from the Village system to water and establish new sod and seeded turf lawns is prohibited. During this period, water from the Village system may be used to water new turn areas less than 100 square feet in area, such as lawn repairs, using the "Restricted Watering" provisions listed above.

At all other times, use of water from the Village system to establish new sod and seeded turf lawn is allowed with the following provisions:

- **On the first day** new sod or seed is planted, watering is allowed for up to 8 total hours that day.
- **For the next 9 days**, watering is allowed every day from 6:00 am-9:00 am and from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.
- **After the first 10 days**, "Restricted Watering" even/odd provisions, as listed above, will apply.

Exceptions

This ordinance does not apply to commercial and industrial entities where use of water is necessary for normal business operations. *These exceptions do not apply to non-essential business uses such as decorative landscape watering.*

Prohibited Waste

No person shall allow a continuous stream of water from the Village water supply to run off into any gutter, ditch, drain, or street inlet **while using water for any purpose.**

Fines and Penalties

Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance will be subject to a fine as follows:

- \$50 for each first offense.
- \$100 for each second offense
- \$500 for each subsequent offense.
- Up to \$500 for new sod and seeded turf lawn watering violations.

Each day a violation occurs or is permitted to continue will be considered a separate violation. If a fine goes unpaid, the amount may be added to the person's water bill.