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Saratoga Springs to Reduce Water Allotments

Saratoga Springs, UT, July 20, 2022 –

Effective July 25, 2022 Saratoga Springs City will reduce irrigation water allotments for residential use by 20 percent. Utah is in an extreme drought and Saratoga Springs is experiencing a reduction in some of the water sources used to provide irrigation water to residents. The city is encouraging residents to decrease their irrigation water use by 20 percent to conserve water and save money by avoiding usage fee tiers.

Residents are encouraged to reduce the amount of water used to maintain turfgrass which is resilient, allowing it to stress and enter dormancy early. This will save water allotment to maintain trees, shrubs and gardens. Residents can use the irrigation calculator on the city website to adjust their water use to the new allotments size and estimate their monthly bill.

Through the month of July the Parks Department gradually reduced water use in all non-high use areas by 40 percent, while maintaining a normal watering schedule for areas used for recreation programming. It is important to maintain turf used for programming for the safety of program participants and to maintain the health of the turf through the damage sustained due to high use. They will maintain this reduction through the rest of the irrigation season.

In 2015, Saratoga Springs was one of the cities that led the way in water conservation in the state of Utah by metering its irrigation system for users in the community. Water in this system is charged using a tiered rate structure that will be adjusted as per our Water Shortage Response Plan to encourage residents to use less water. Monthly costs are estimated to decrease for residents that reduce water use to stay within the adjusted water allotment. Residents that don't reduce will potentially see an increase as they enter higher tier rates of water usage.

The city has provided resources on the city website to help residents reduce their water use and stay within the adjusted allotment. The irrigation calculator has been adjusted to the new allotment size and rate. In 2019 the city launched the My Water Use Customer Portal which allows residents to view hourly and historical use along with the ability to set up alerts for sudden increase in usage to help residents fix leaks and other water issues in a timely manner.

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About Saratoga Springs: The City of Saratoga Springs is an exciting community, located on the northwest shores of Utah Lake in the center of Utah's Wasatch Front Metropolitan Area. Saratoga Springs is a gateway to many recreational opportunities including the Jordan River, Utah Lake and Israel



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