



SEVERANCE WATER RESTRICTIONS
Amended March 18, 2013

Supplies of potable water are essential to the health, welfare and safety of the community. The Town of Severance has a mandatory watering schedule. All Severance water users must follow the schedule and refrain from watering between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The Town allows 3 days for flexibility, although watering one or two days a week in the spring and fall, dependent on rainfall and temperature may be adequate and encouraged. During drought years the Town of Severance may institute more restrictions to maintain an adequate supply for the citizens of Severance. The Town of Severance first instituted watering restrictions in 2003.

The schedule below must be followed by all water users served by the Town of Severance.

- There shall be no lawn watering from December 1st thru March 31st of any year. Lawn watering will be allowed from April 1st thru November 30 of any year.
- Each residence with an even house number shall be allowed to water on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursdays
- Each residence with an odd house number shall be allowed to water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays.
- All others: Home owner Association common areas, multi-family residences, apartments, businesses, government, non-profit, churches, commercial, industries and institutions shall be allowed to water on Sunday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- A “house number” is defined by the last two digits in the number. (Ex. – 14, 22, 02 are even numbers; 15, 27, 19 are odd numbers)
- Watering shall occur only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to midnight on allowed days (“permitted hours”); **NO watering** shall be allowed between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day.

Hand watering of flowers, shrubs, and trees shall be allowed each day by hose during permitted hours, provided such hose has a shut off valve attached which terminates flow when not manually activated.

It shall be unlawful to waste water by allowing excess runoff from watering or other uses to flow down the gutters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or do any of the following except on their allowed day during permitted hours:

It is unlawful for any person to wash driveways, sidewalks, patios or water lawns or landscaping except as above.

- It is unlawful to use any outside water sources for recreational purposes between 11:a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- It is unlawful for any person to wash vehicles except with a bucket, although vehicles may be rinsed during permitted hours for no more than five minutes by hose, provided such hose has a shut off valve attached which terminates flow when not manually activated.

Nothing herein shall apply to any approved non-potable water system used by any property owner. In addition, the Town Administrator may grant a variance to these restrictions for the establishment of new lawns or landscaping. Such variance permit shall expire no more than thirty days after issuance.

A copy of the Water Restriction Resolution No. 2013-07R or the variance permits for non-potable systems or newly seeded or sodded lawns can be requested at the Severance Town Hall, 231 West Fourth Avenue during business hours of 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, 686-1218.

Building permits are required for the installation of all sprinkler systems.

Thank you,
The Town of Severance

How Much Should I Water?

Watering Suggestions		
Month	Watering Days per Week	Inches Required per Week
January	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
February	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
March	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
April	1 Day Per Week - After 4/15	0.5"
May	1 Day Per Week	1"
June	2 Days Per Week	1.25"
July	3 Days Per Week	1.5"
August	3 Days Per Week	1.25"
September	1 Day Per Week	1"
October	1 Day Per Week--Until 10-15 Blow-out Sprinklers/Disconnect Hoses	0.5"
November	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
December	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0

Below is an example on how you can translate inches of water into minutes.

It is May and you have spray heads in the front yard. The lawn needs an inch of water per week. You could water each zone for 30 minutes on one day. A better option is to water 15 minutes two days per week. The best option would be to use the cycle and soak method: water each zone 7 minutes and wait 30 minutes to let it soak in. While waiting, water other areas of the lawn. Then water the first area again for 7-8 minutes. You will need to follow this procedure two days per week.

