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### **New water usage restrictions for the City of Lawrenceville**

Effective April 1, 2008, Gwinnett County Water Resources made changes to its water restrictions to allow for limited outdoor watering for new and existing landscapes, as well as pool refilling. The restrictions shall remain in place until October 31, 2008 or until further restrictions are made by the County. The new City restrictions are as follows:

- Irrigation of new landscaping or turf, reconditioned or aerated landscaping or turf, and replanted or reseeded landscaping or turf, can occur between 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. on designated days. The designated days are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday for odd-numbered addresses and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for even-numbered addresses. No watering is allowed on Fridays. This allowance is limited to a maximum of ten days, all ten of which must be within the thirty-one days immediately following the date of installation. Additionally, a waterproof sign visible from the street right-of-way must be posted stating the date of installation, the commercial firm's or property owner/resident's name, the property owner or resident's phone number, and the surface area to which the exemption applies. Lastly, the State requires the irrigator to register with the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program at [www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com). These provisions apply to both professional firms and to property owners or tenants.
- Irrigation of existing landscaping or turf is allowed by hand, using one garden hose for twenty-five minutes per day between 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. on designated days. The designated days are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday for odd-numbered addresses and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for even-numbered addresses. No watering is allowed on Fridays. The hose must be held during watering and equipped with a standard spray nozzle that automatically turns off when released.
- All residents with swimming pools will be allowed to fill their pools and make adjustments to the water levels in their pools to allow for the pool to be opened.
- Pressure washing of parking lots and driveways is prohibited. Pressure washing of homes is allowed if done so by a licensed professional. Additionally, a waterproof sign visible from the street right-of-way must be posted stating the date of installation, the commercial firm's or property owner/resident's name, the property owner or resident's phone number, and the surface area to which the exemption applies.
- Car washing of new and used vehicles at car lots is prohibited, unless the dealership has a car wash operating with a water recycling system.

All residents should keep in mind that the City uses a multi-tier rate structure that has been in place since 2007. The multi-tier rate structure is as follows:

- Multi tiered water conservation surcharge rate will apply to all retail accounts for the billing in the months of June, July, August, September and October.
- For usage greater than 10,000 gallons and which exceeds average winter (Jan., Feb. and March) usage as follows:
  - First Tier: Greater than 125% but less than 200% of the winter average will pay 25% higher than the current monthly rate per 1000 gallons.
  - Second Tier: Customers that use 200% more than the winter average will pay 100% higher than the current monthly rate per 1000 gallons.

The City of Lawrenceville has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lawrenceville that the City of Lawrenceville Police Department and the City of Lawrenceville Water Department enforce these restrictions, as well as the Water Conservation Ordinance, Chapter 40. In order for a citation to be issued for violating the ordinance or these restrictions, the officer needs to be able to witness the violation taking place. Violations may not reported or cited as hearsay. The City of Lawrenceville Police Department shall issue citations based on the Water Conservation ordinance, Chapter 40 and these restrictions. First offense shall result in a written warning. Second offense shall result in a \$100 fine. Third offense shall result in a \$500 fine. The City of Lawrenceville Director of Utilities or his designee has the authority to terminate water service by locking off the domestic or non-sewer meter of any offending party for violation of the Water Conservation Ordinance, Chapter 40 or these restrictions. Any questions concerning water restrictions should be directed to either Robert Paul, 770-277-7597 or Mike Bowie, 770-277-7456 with the water department. Further information can also be found on the City's website at [www.lawrencevillega.org](http://www.lawrencevillega.org)