



MEMORANDUM

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Greg Dickens, Director, Public Works Department

Date: June 11, 2007

Subject: Lawn and Landscape Irrigation Restrictions

This is a courtesy letter from the City of Keller to our local Home Owner's and Home Owner Associations regarding Keller Ordinance No. 1335 Lawn and Landscape Irrigation Restrictions. The following information is provided to assist you in following the city's outdoor watering restrictions.

Except for hand watering and the use of soaker hoses, a person commits an offense if that person irrigates, waters, or causes or permits the irrigation or watering of any lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period from June 1 through September 30 of any year.

A person commits an offense if he knowingly or recklessly irrigates, waters, or causes or permits the irrigation or watering of a lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased or managed by the person in a manner that causes:

- (1) a substantial amount of water to fall upon impervious areas instead of a lawn or landscape, such that a constant stream of water overflows from the lawn or landscape onto a street or other drainage area; or
- (2) an irrigation system or other lawn or landscape watering device to operate during any form of precipitation.

A person commits an offense if, on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person, he operates a lawn or landscape irrigation system or device that:

- (1) has any broken or missing sprinkler heads; or
- (2) has not been properly maintained in a manner that prevents the waste of water.

Any commercial or industrial customer class irrigation system installed within the City on or after June 1, 2006 must be equipped with rain and freeze sensors.

Any commercial or industrial customer class irrigation system installed before June 1, 2006 may not be operated after June 1, 2007 without being equipped with rain and freeze sensors.

The potable water supply to lawn irrigation system shall be protected against backflow in accordance with the City's Backflow and Cross-connection Control Program, City Code Sections 19-2000 through 19-3150. All rain and freeze sensors for commercial customer class lawn irrigation systems shall under go annual inspection and testing concurrent with schedules associated with the requirements of Section 19-3090.

Any residential customer class irrigation system installed within the City on or after June 1, 2007 must be equipped with rain and freeze sensors.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or recklessly install, operate, or cause or permit the installation of or the operation of, an irrigation system in violation of subsections 19-1606(a) through (d) on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person.

The Director may grant variances from the provisions to persons demonstrating extreme hardship and need as determined by the Director and only under the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant must sign a compliance agreement on forms provided by the Director, agreeing to irrigate or water a lawn or landscape only in the amount and manner permitted by the variance.
- (2) Granting of a variance must not cause an immediate significant reduction in the City's water supply.
- (3) The extreme hardship or need requiring the variance must relate to the health, safety, or welfare of the person requesting it.
- (4) The health, safety or welfare of other persons must not be adversely affected by granting the variance.

The Director may revoke a variance granted when the Director determines that:

- (1) the conditions of subsection (a) are not being met or are no longer applicable;
- (2) the terms of the compliance agreement are being violated; or
- (3) the health, safety or welfare of other persons requires revocation.

THAT, any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon final conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each and every day any such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate violation hereunder.

For more information

For more information or technical assistance, call the City of Keller at (817) 743-4092. To learn more about water conservation, call your local Water Utility, County Cooperative Extension Office, County Environmental Health Department or your Conservation District. If you have a private water well and use it for landscape irrigation please contact the Public Works Dept. at 817-743-4080 and a "Watering by Well Water" sign will be provided.

If you have special accommodation needs or require this document in alternative format, please contact James Whitt, Environmental Services Coordinator at (817) 743-4092. When you're finished with this brochure, please pass it along to a friend.