

## Reminds Residents of Wise Water Use

At Loudoun Water, we understand the vital role that responsible water use plays in preserving our precious water resources and maintaining the beauty of your community. As a trusted water provider, we are committed to supporting your Homeowners' Association (HOA) in achieving water conservation goals while ensuring your water use practices remain both efficient and environmentally sustainable.

**With drier conditions in the region and continued high temperatures, Loudoun Water recommends wise watering at home. Please remind your residents of the following wise water use tips:**

- ***Check irrigation settings.*** Overwatering a lawn can result in grass disease, fungus and unnecessarily high-water bills. This includes checking sprinkler settings to avoid over-watering. For most lawns, 15 minutes of watering is all it takes to maintain a healthy yard. The recommended outdoor watering schedule is:

### Even Number Home Addresses

Thursday & Sunday

### Odd Number Home Addresses

Wednesday & Saturday

- ***Take a couple hours to review your sprinkler settings.*** Consider adding a smart irrigation controller, which acts like a thermostat for your sprinkler system by telling it when to turn on and off, to save water.
- ***Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day,*** which is typically 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. In the hot weather, most of the water will be lost to evaporation or wind. The best time to water your lawn is between 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- ***Watch the weather:*** Make sure your irrigation system isn't watering unnecessarily if there has been a lot of rain or if it rains later in the day. Grass only needs on to one and a half inches of water per week to stay lush and green.
- ***Thinking about installing a new toilet?*** Look for a WaterSense® label when shopping. These models reduce the amount of water used for each flush.
- ***Check for toilet leaks:*** The toilet flapper is located at the bottom of the tank and seals the tank drain until the handle is pushed. If the seal is not tight, leakage can occur, resulting in the toilet unexpectedly refilling or making running water sounds. Loudoun Water has dye tablets available for customers to use upon request.
- ***Use a dishwasher instead of hand washing:*** Most modern dishwashers use less water than it takes to wash dishes by hand. Some EnergyStar certified machines use as little as three to five gallons of water per cycle. In comparison, washing by hand can use about three to five gallons per minute of washing.