

## **CHAPTER 97: WATER USAGE**

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## Huntley – General Regulations

### § 97.01 Outside Watering Restrictions

In order to promote public environmental awareness, good husbandry, and good conservation practices and to preserve potable water supplies, the use of the Village's potable water for outdoor water usages shall be limited as follows:

1. Restrictions: Whenever in the Village Manager's or his/her designee's, judgment, it is in the public interest to further curtail the use of potable water for landscape and lawn watering purposes, in light of environmental exigencies or water supply availability, the Village Manager or his/her designee may further restrict the use of potable water for such purposes as follows:
  - a. Condition Green: Condition Green shall allow the outside use of the Village's potable water supply for lawn watering between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - b. Condition Yellow: Condition Yellow shall allow the outside use of the Village's potable water supply for lawn watering only on alternate days (odd/even) between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lots with odd numbered addresses will be permitted to use potable water outside on odd numbered days (except July 31st and August 31st when no watering will be allowed) and lots with even numbered addresses will be permitted to use potable water outside on even numbered day.
  - c. Condition Orange: Condition Orange shall limit the outside use of the Village's potable water supply to handheld device, recycled grey water, reclaimed wastewater, or harvested rainwater ONLY.
  - d. Condition Red: Condition Red shall prohibit the use of outside potable water for residential hand washing of motor vehicles, landscape materials, lawn watering and all other purposes entirely.
2. Signs: The Village shall cause signs to be posted in conspicuous public places throughout the Village, advising residents of the watering conditions then in effect.

## **§ 97.02 Hand Held Watering**

Nothing contained in Section 97.01 of this Chapter shall prohibit hand held watering activities provided that the individual engaging in said activity is actually holding the hose or water device. It shall not constitute permitted hand held watering to set the hose or watering device on the ground in proximity to an individual. Examples of permitted hand held watering include watering flowers, gardens, trees, shrubs, lawns, car washing and filling wading pools provided that the water consumption for any such activity does not exceed 50 gallons. Hand held watering activities will be suspended if watering status goes to Condition Red.

## **§ 97.03 Sod, Seed, or Irrigation System Installation**

A permit shall be required for the installation of sod or seed in excess of 900 square feet. Watering shall be permitted for eight (8) hours upon installation of sod or seed, with additional watering as determined by an approved installation permit. Except for patching and restoration up to 900 square feet, no person, firm, corporation or other entity may lay sod or plant seed within the Village between June 15 and September 15. Appropriate erosion control measures as approved by the Village shall be used during this time. Permits for lawn irrigation systems shall not be issued between June 15 and September 15.

## **§ 97.04 Waste of Water – Deleted Section**

## **§ 97.05 Enforcement**

Any duly acting employee of the Village of Huntley who observes a violation hereof shall be authorized to issue to the property owner or person violating any provisions of this Chapter a Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation shall specifically identify the provisions allegedly violated.

## **§ 97.06 Connection to Fire Hydrants**

Any person, firm, association, corporation, partnership or other entity that connects to a fire hydrant in the Village of Huntley without first obtaining authorization from the Village of Huntley shall be fined as follows: first offense - \$500.00; second offense - \$1,000.00; third offense - \$1,500.00 and, if applicable, for a third offense may have his contractors or business license revoked.

### **§ 97.07 Penalty**

Any person, firm, or corporate found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, except 97.06, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00 which each day during which a violation exists being considered a separate offense.

### **§ 97.08 Notice**

Whenever possible, changes to more restrictive use will be preceded by a one-week notice.