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Cedar Ridge Water Users:

The new pump has been installed and apparently is operating properly. Each water user may resume their normal watering schedule. Please review the watering information that was distributed within the last week. If you did not receive that information please contact David Thompson to get a replacement. Please remember to water as needed and avoid watering lawns during the day, in the wind or if it rains. The following schedule is to aid each water user to know when their water day is and what time of the day is available for watering lawns.

**Odd lot #'s**

Watering days are  
**Tues, Thurs & Sat**

- Lot #1 Hatch
- Lot#3 Norr
- Lot#5 King
- Lot#7 JR Adams
- Lot#9 Walker
- Lot#11 empty
- Lot#13 Rodgers
- Lot#15 Arbon
- Lot#17 Smith
- Lot#19 Behnert/Poll
- Lot#21 C. Summers
- Lot#23 Jennings
- Lot#25 Maughan
  
- Eldon Johnson
- Jon Thompson
- Thompson & Son

**24 hr clock**

- 1:00 AM
- 2:00 AM
- 3:00 AM
- 4:00 AM
- 5:00 AM
- 6:00 AM
- 7:00 AM
- 8:00 AM
- 9:00 AM
- 10:00 AM

OK to Water

- 10:01 AM
- 11:00 AM
- 12 Noon
- 1:00 PM
- 2:00 PM
- 3:00 PM
- 4:00 PM
- 5:00 PM
- 6:00 PM
- 7:00 PM
- 7:59 PM

NOT OK to Water

- 8:00 PM
- 9:00 PM
- 10:00 PM
- 11:00 PM
- 12 midnight

OK to Water

12:01AM NOT OK to Water  
to 1:00 AM

**Even lot #'s**

Watering days are  
**Wed, Fri & Sun**

- Lot #2 Hogan
- Lot#4 Merrell
- Lot#6 Jensen
- Lot#8 D. Thompson
- Lot#10 T. Summers
- Lot#12 Anderson
- Lot#14 Buttars
- Lot#16 Darley
- Lot#18 Herrin
- Lot#20 J. Thompson
- Lot#22 D. Adams
- Lot#24 Hugie
- Lot#26 Scott
  
- Jim Ririe
- Daryl Anderson
- Dallas Clark

# Using the right amount of water

According to Utah history, Brigham Young and other Mormons read about or heard reports about the arid conditions found in the Great Basin. Upon their arrival in the Great Salt Lake Valley, members of the first company quickly set about to turn the desert into a productive land. These pioneers successfully developed irrigation for their communities and farms. Indeed they made much of Utah's desert blossom like a rose.

Unfortunately, we in Utah have the dubious honor of not only being the second driest state, but we also use more water per capita than any other state in the country. Many of us overwater our lawns. I wonder if some of us equate healthy green lawns with marshland. It is reported that as much as one-half of the water we put on our lawns is wasted because of incorrect watering practices.

If you can answer the following questions correctly, you are probably on the right track toward correct watering practices.

- 1) Do you know how much water you apply when you water your lawn?
- 2) Are you applying the water to your lawn evenly?
- 3) Do you know how to recognize when your lawn needs water?

If you have trouble answering any of these questions, you may wish to call the Extension Office in Brigham City at 734-9945 for a yard and garden water audit. There is no charge for this service.

Water use is affected by seasonal variations in air temperature and other weather conditions. Water use is relatively low in the spring and increases through the summer peaking in August then decreases through September and October. Beginning next week and continuing each week until fall, USU Extension will provide residents of Box Elder County with estimated water consumption for lawns.

For example, during the week of April 23 through April 29 our lawns required 0.63 inches of water or about 39 gallons of water per 100 square feet. Expected consumptive water use for the week of April 29 through May 4 was 0.73 inches or 46 gallons of water.

Hopefully, this information will help each of us conserve water this summer.



## USU Extension Notes

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