The City of Las Cruces restricts outdoor watering in the interest of water conservation. Day-of-week restrictions help prevent overwatering of landscapes. Deeper, less frequent watering will cause plants to send their roots deeper and survive longer without water. Some newly planted plants may require daily watering to get established and residents may request a variance when this applies.

Time-of-day restrictions, which are in effect April through September, help reduce evaporation losses during watering.

### WATERING PROHIBITIONS

While there are many ways to waste water, a few of them are prohibited by City regulations:

- Water flowing beyond property boundaries, for example, into the street or sidewalks.
- Watering so much that it ponds on the property.
- Using a hose without a shut-off to wash a vehicle.
  - We suggest you use a bucket—one bucket of soapy water, and a second bucket of clean water for rinsing.
- Using a hose to clean impervious surfaces, for example driveways and sidewalks.
  - Use a broom instead.
- You may use a hose to clean oil and hazardous chemicals. However, for oil spots, if you first apply kitty litter, most of it can be removed without water. Then use a bucket of soapy water and a brush to clean off the remainder.

### WATERING RESTRICTIONS

- The restrictions apply to all residential and commercial properties served by Las Cruces Utilities.
- Outdoor watering is allowed at odd-numbered addresses only on Wednesday, Friday, Sunday.
- Even addresses allowed only on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.
- Between April 1st and September 30th all outdoor watering is prohibited between 10 am and 6 pm.

### Why Does Las Cruces Have Water Restrictions?

#### Warm Season Outdoor Watering

- 12:00 am to 9:59 am
- 10:00 am to 5:59 pm
- 6:00 am to 11:59 pm

#### Cool Season Outdoor Watering

- 12:00 am to 11:59 pm

### Recommendations

- During the warm season, water early morning before sunrise or after dark.
- Use a timer on your hose or sprinklers. Be sure to set the schedule for correct days and times.
- Plants need some water in the winter, too. Soak your trees and bushes about once a month.
- Choose landscaping appropriate for the dry climate. Avoid high water-use grass and plants.

For more information about watering restrictions, visit the Water Conservation Program web pages at
REPORT WATER WASTE
- If you see water being wasted, please report it. The Waste Water Hotline for reporting water waste and watering violations is (575) 528-4444.
- Be prepared to provide the date and approximate time, street address or intersections, and what you observed.

WATERING VIOLATION FEES
The following fees may be assessed for watering violations:
- First: no fee
- Second: $20 optional audit at customer’s expense in lieu of fee
- Third: $30
- Fourth: $40
- Fifth and subsequent: $50
Each day that watering takes place can be a separate violation.

For more information about reporting water waste, visit http://www.las-cruces.org/WaterWaste

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