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## City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township Implement Odd-Even Outdoor Water Restriction

Municipal Water Customers Asked to Follow Landscape Irrigation Restriction Through Sept. 30

**Lowell and Lowell Charter Township, Michigan, June 5, 2023** – The City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township today announced an odd-even outdoor water restriction for municipal customers that goes into effect immediately through Sept. 30.

The restriction limits when residents and businesses can water their lawns and landscaping to minimize the burden on the city's water treatment plant during the warmer months. The new limit was prompted by a recent double-digit spike in water demand due to the recent dry, hot weather and the township's continuing growth; it does not affect water used for drinking and bathing purposes.

Under the restriction, outdoor watering is allowed for properties in the city and township with an address that ends in an odd number on odd days. For example, an address of 611 can water on the first, third, fifth, seventh, etc. day of the month. For properties with an even address – for example, 610 – outdoor watering is allowing on the second, fourth, sixth, eighth, etc. day of the month.

"With recent demand, our water treatment plant is pushing the limit on the amount of water it can produce," Lowell City Manager Mike Burns said. "Because outdoor watering makes up a significant portion of this consumption, we are asking our community to partner with us as we take proactive steps to avoid an outright ban on landscape irrigation.

"This is a necessary step to ensure we can continue to provide reliable water service to our customers."

Lowell Charter Township Supervisor Jerry Hale joined Burns in asking for the community's compliance.

"Following an odd-even watering schedule will help us level the demand and maintain the sustainability of the current water system," Hale said. "We know this short-term restriction will have long-term dividends for all of us."