Seneca Newsletter

 July 2016

Now that we have started reading water meters in town, everyone is becoming more aware of their water usage – for some of us it has been quite a shock! Reading meters has allowed multiple leaks throughout town to be detected and fixed. It has also highlighted water use issues that we are working with customers to fix. ***Because we are working to identify some inconsistent readings and we have some maintenance issues to resolve, the council has voted to delay any charges for overage fees for 2 months. The council will review progress at the August city council meeting.*** Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through the process.

**The water meter readings will be on the agenda for the July 12th council meeting. We invite everyone to attend, get insight on the readings, how they are read, what they mean, and get any questions answered.**

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* Sprinklers:
	+ Misting sprinklers are more efficient than oscillating ones. When using a sprinkler, inspect it for leaks and kinks often, make sure you are watering plants – not pavement, and use a timer. A forgotten sprinkler can waste more than 250 gallons of water an hour!
	+ Healthy lawns don’t need nearly the amount of water we think they do. If it springs back up after you walk on it, it doesn’t need watered.
	+ Water infrequently, deeply, and thoroughly. This stops wasteful runoff and encourages roots to spread deeper.
	+ Avoid watering during the heat of the day. Most of it will evaporate off before it reaches the roots. Water early in the day to decrease evaporation. Avoid windy days for the same reason.
* In the Home:
	+ A leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons a day while a leaky toilet can use anywhere from 6,000 to 40,000 gallons per month! Inspect the connections in your home periodically for leaks.
	+ Leaving your water running while brushing your teeth or shaving uses about 5 gallons of water. That’s about 150 gallons of water per person per month just brushing your teeth or by shaving! Shut it off in between rinses and save some water!
	+ Only run your dishwasher and washing machine when they are full. An automatic dishwasher uses 9-12 gallons of water while washing by hand uses up to 20 gallons of water.
	+ Around 25 gallons of water are used for a 10 minute shower, while an average of 37 gallons are used for a bath. An older, non-efficient shower head can use up to 120 gallons for a 10 minute shower!!
	+ Don’t put down the drain that which could be used for other purposes. Changing out the pet’s water? Use that bowl of water to water your houseplants!