



## WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Town of Severance first instituted watering restrictions in 2003. Supplies of potable water are essential to the community's health, welfare, and safety. The Town of Severance has a mandatory watering schedule. All Severance water users must follow the schedule and refrain from watering between 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The Town allows three days for flexibility. However, watering one or two days a week in the spring and fall may be adequate and encouraged depending on rainfall and temperature. During drought years, the Town of Severance may institute more restrictions to maintain a sufficient supply for the citizens of Severance.

The schedule below must be followed by all water users served by the Town of Severance.

- ✓ There shall be no lawn watering from December 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> of any year. Lawn watering will be allowed from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup> of any year.
- ✓ Each residence with an even house number shall be allowed to water on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- ✓ Each residence with an odd house number shall be allowed to water on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.
- ✓ All others: Homeowner Association common areas, multi-family residences, apartments, businesses, government, non-profit, churches, commercial, industries, and institutions shall be allowed to water on Sunday, Wednesday, and Fridays.
- ✓ A "house number" is defined by the last two. (Ex. – 02, 14, 22 are even numbers; 15, 19, 27 are odd numbers)
- ✓ **No watering shall be allowed between 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.**
- ✓ Hand watering of flowers, shrubs, and trees shall be allowed each day by hose during permitted hours, provided such hose has a shut-off valve attached which terminates flow when not manually activated.

**It is unlawful to use any outside water sources between 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. It is unlawful for any person to wash vehicles except with a bucket. However, vehicles may be rinsed during permitted hours for no more than five minutes by hose. Such hose has a shut off valve attached that terminates flow when not manually activated.**

Nothing herein shall apply to any approved non-potable water system or North Weld County Water District systems used by any property owner. Non-potable systems are currently in the subdivisions of Hunters Crossing, The Overlook, Severance Shores and Tailholt. North Weld County Water District services presently the subdivisions of Belmont Farms, Bridal Hill/Saddler Ridge, Casa Loma, Golden Eagle Acres, Hidden Valley Farm, and Soaring Eagle Ranch. In addition, the Town Administrator may grant a variance to these restrictions for the establishment of new lawns or landscaping. Such variance permits shall expire no more than thirty days after issuance.

A copy of the Water Restriction Resolution No. 2013-07R or the variance permits for non-potable systems, or newly seeded or sodded lawns can be requested at the Severance Town Hall, 3 S. Timber Ridge Parkway, 970-686-1218.

**Building permits are required for the installation of all sprinkler systems.**



Watering Suggestions		
Month	Watering Days per Week	Inches Required per Week
January	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
February	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
March	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
April	1 Day Per Week - After 4/15	0.5"
May	1 Day Per Week	1"
June	2 Days Per Week	1.25"
July	3 Days Per Week	1.5"
August	3 Days Per Week	1.25"
September	1 Day Per Week	1"
October	1 Day Per Week--Until 10-15 Blow-out Sprinklers/Disconnect Hoses	0.5"
November	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0
December	Water trees and shrubs when needed.	0

Here is an example on how you can translate inches of water into minutes. It is May and you have spray heads in the front yard. The lawn needs an inch of water per week. You could water each zone for 30 minutes on one day. A better option is to water 15 minutes two days per week. The best option would be to use the cycle and soak method: water each zone 7 minutes and wait 30 minutes to let it soak in. While waiting, water other areas of the lawn. Then water the first area again for 7-8 minutes. You will need to follow this procedure two days per week.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE TO AMEND LAWN WATERING AND WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS** Supplies of potable water are essential to the health, welfare and safety of the community, the Town of Severance has by prior ordinance authorized the establishment of mandatory watering restrictions under Severance Municipal Code, Section 13-1-150;

**WHEREAS** The Town has approved watering three days per week for flexibility, although watering one or two days a week in the spring and fall, depending on rainfall and temperature, may be adequate and is to be encouraged.

**WHEREAS** During drought years the Town of Severance may institute more restrictions to maintain an adequate supply for the citizens of Severance;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 13-1-150 of the Severance Municipal Code the Severance Town Board of Trustees hereby resolves to establish lawn irrigation restrictions and water uses for the citizens of Severance as follows:

**Section 1: Water Restrictions**

- a. There shall be no lawn watering from December 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> . Lawn watering will be allowed from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30.
- b. Each residence with an even house number shall be allowed to water on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursdays
- c. Each residence with an odd house number shall be allowed to water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays.
- d. All others: Home owner Association common areas, multi-family residences, apartments, businesses, government, non-profit, churches, commercial, industries and institutions shall be allowed to water on Sunday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- e. A “house number” is defined by the last two digits in the number. (Ex. – 14, 22, 02 are even numbers; 15, 27, 19 are odd numbers)
- f. Watering shall occur only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to midnight on allowed days (“permitted hours”); No watering shall be allowed between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day.

- g. Hand watering of flowers, shrubs, and trees shall be allowed each day by hose during permitted hours, provided such hose has a shut off valve attached which terminates flow when not manually activated.
- h. It shall be unlawful to waste water by allowing excess runoff from watering or other uses to flow down the gutters.
- i. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or do any of the following except on their allowed day during permitted hours:
  - i. to wash driveways, sidewalks, patios or water lawns or landscaping except as otherwise provided above.
  - ii. to use any outside water sources for recreational purposes between 11:a.m. and 5:00 p.m
  - iii. to wash vehicles except with a bucket, although vehicles may be rinsed during permitted hours for no more than five minutes by hose, provided such hose has a shut off valve attached which terminates flow when not manually activated
- j. It is unlawful for any person to wash vehicles except with a bucket, although vehicles may be rinsed during permitted hours for no more than five minutes by hose, provided such hose has a shut off valve attached which terminates flow when not manually activated.

**Section 3:**

Nothing herein shall apply to any approved non-potable water system used by any property owner. In addition, the Town Administrator may grant a variance to these restrictions for the establishment of new lawns or landscaping. Such variance permit shall expire no more than thirty days after issuance.

A copy of this resolution or variance permits for non-potable systems or newly seeded or sodded lawns can be requested at the Severance Town Hall, 231 West Fourth Avenue during business hours of 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, 686-1218.

Building permits are required for the installation of all sprinkler systems.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18th day of March, 2013.**



ATTEST:

BY: Patricia J. Lesh  
Patricia J. Lesh, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SEVERANCE**

BY: Donald R. Brookshire  
Donald R. Brookshire, Mayor