

The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

Peak Demand

When the dry days of summer arrive, rest assured Carmel Utilities has planned for the worst, so our customers can have the best service possible.

Carmel Utilities has invested heavily in our water infrastructure system to meet peak water use demands.

This preparation resulted in expanded infrastructure in the form of additional wells, miles of additional water mains and a new state-of-the-art water treatment plant.

As you may know, the peak demand time periods for water tend to occur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings when most irrigation systems have their timers set. This puts an extremely high demand on our water treatment and delivery system during those days and times. Although many communities mandate odd-even watering schedules to even out peak demand, the City of Carmel does not plan to mandate anything.



However...we are asking for voluntary schedule changes from our customers.

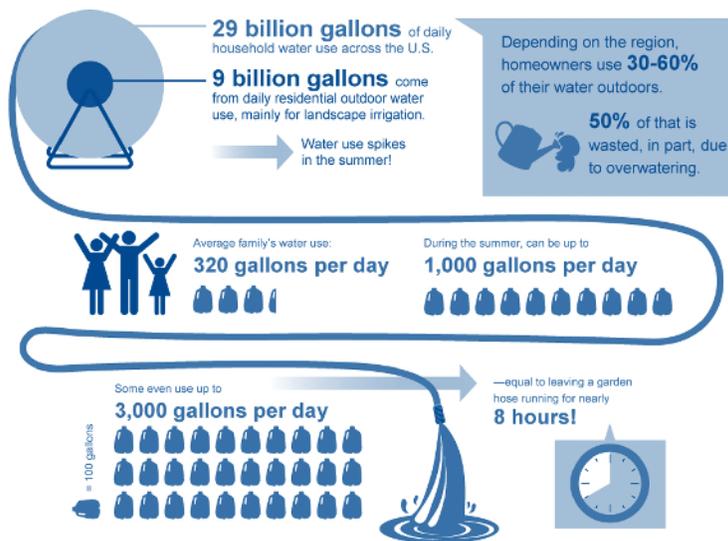
If your irrigation timer is set for a Monday, Wednesday and Friday operation, please consider changing to a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday schedule. This adjustment will help Carmel Utilities keep the water softened at a consistent level and provide good water pressure. This request is totally voluntary. If the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday time frame does not work for you, please feel free to water on the days that best suits your needs.

Remember, regardless of the day you choose, the best time to water your lawn is between 4-7 a.m. Less water is lost to evaporation; the grass will incur less disease and the plants will be fully hydrated to withstand the sun and heat later in the day.

Carmel Utilities recommends the following tips for wise water use when watering your lawn



- Overwatering should be avoided as it keeps the root system wet and favors disease. Light sprinkling should also be avoided as it promotes shallow root systems.
- If using an in-ground irrigation system, please consider the installing a smart controller which turns your sprinkler on and off in response to actual environmental conditions and NOT based on a pre-set schedule.
- Consider installing an actual rain sensor to prevent your system from activating during a rain event.



- Remember that 75% to 80% of a plant's weight is from water. Therefore supplemental watering may be necessary during periods of hot and dry weather.
- Morning is the best time to water your lawn. Early evening is the second best time.
- If watering in the evening, finish watering 30 minutes before sunset so that the grass has time to dry before nightfall. Grass foliage that is wet overnight, does favor disease.
- Immediately have broken irrigation heads and other system parts replaced so that water is not leaked and thus wasted. Please correct watering to avoid hitting streets, walks, and driveways.



Join us Saturday, August 10 for Meet Me on Main.



Barrels will be auctioned off on Saturday, August 17 during the Carmel Farmers Market



Rain on Main Returns to the Arts & Design District

Rain on Main, a painted rain barrel contest is returning to the Carmel Arts & Design District. The event will debut at the Meet Me on Main event on Saturday, August 10. The barrels will remain on Main Street through the next week for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to having the barrels judged by experts, there will be a "People's Choice" selection based on votes from the public via Facebook "likes" on the Rain on Main page.

On **Saturday, August 17** the barrels will then be relocated to the Carmel Farmers Market where they will be auctioned off to the highest bidders via a silent auction. Water information tents with giveaways will also be present. The online auction opens at 5 p.m. on August 10th and ends at 11 a.m. on August 17th. Net proceeds from the auction will be used to fund water education signage in Carmel Clay Parks.

Rain on Main is possible due to sponsorship by V3 Companies. V3 is a multi-disciplinary firm offering civil engineering, contracting, environmental, planning and surveying services.



The event is also supported by Touch'N Go Collision, Sherwin-Williams on Range Line Road, Sherwin-Williams Automotive and White's Ace Hardware. Rain on Main is organized by City of Carmel Utilities, Carmel Department of Storm Water Management and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Rain barrels continue to grow in popularity across the country. Beautifully painted rain barrels increase desirability and encourage water conservation through the use of recycled rainwater

Rain barrels sit under gutter down spouts to collect and store rainwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams and rivers. The collected water can then be used to water plants in the landscape instead of using treated water which saves water and energy.

More information about *Rain on Main* can be found at www.RainOnMain.com or www.Facebook.com/RainOnMain