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## Press Release

## City of Waukesha's Annual Sprinkling Ordinance

May 1, 2024 - Waukesha Water Utility would like to remind city residents of the annual Sprinkling Ordinance in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Addresses ending with an Odd number may water on Tuesdays and Saturdays before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

Addresses ending with an Even number may water on Thursdays and Sundays before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

A hand-held watering can, container, or hose may be used at any time to water gardens, trees, or shrubs, but only if the water device is utilized manually and not left unattended.

The City developed the sprinkling ordinance as part of an ongoing water conservation program. Additional water conservation is needed to protect local water resources and reduce demand during peak hours. The City is requiring customers to refrain from watering during daytime hours, when up to 40% of the water applied by a sprinkler can be lost to evaporation.

To help with the sprinkling, a \$20 rebate for rain barrels is available for Waukesha Water Utility customers; along with a yard sign, that can be picked up at 115 Delafield Street, that reads "My Brown Lawn is Green" to show your dedication to conservation.

For additional information on the sprinkling ordinance and rebates, please visit the Water Utility's website at <u>www.waukesha-water.com/conservation.html</u> or cal the Utility at (262) 521-5272.