



CONSERVATION TIPS OUTDOOR IDEAS:

Set mower blades high. Grass that is 3 inches tall encourages longer, healthier roots, withstands the heat better and requires less watering.

Cut small amounts (one third of the grass blade length) off the grass at a time. Leave the clippings on the lawn to provide moisture to the lawn.

Keep mower blades sharp. Dull blades tear grass, which weakens the plants.

Your lawn does not need to be watered every day. A good soaking once a week is perfect for a healthy lawn. Grass beginning to turn brown during dry conditions has become dormant and will revive after normal rainfall.

Reset automatic irrigation systems to meet the changing Village water status and after power outages.

Aim sprinklers to only water plants, not the sidewalks, driveways, or streets.

Install a rain sensor or smart controller device on automatic irrigation systems.

Drip irrigation systems are effective for watering plants without wasting water.

Use mulch around trees and plants to retain moisture.

WATER SYSTEM STATUS

The water status regulates the use of outside water for the purposes of watering landscape material. Watering is strictly enforced. To check current water system status, see signs posted on main streets in the Village, call Village Hall (847) 658-2700, or look on the Village's website www.algonquin.org.

CONSERVATION

Green signs indicate outside water use is permitted except for watering landscaping and lawns, which is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

EVEN/ODD

Yellow signs indicate even/odd days for watering before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days, before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm.

EVEN/ODD 6:00-9:00 AM

Orange signs indicate even/odd days for watering only between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am. Even addresses may only water on even calendar days and odd addresses may only water on odd calendar days from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

RESTRICTED

Red signs indicate no outside water use is allowed at any time. This includes all use of water outside, such as washing vehicles, power washing, and watering landscaping.



CONSERVATION TIPS HOUSEHOLD IDEAS:

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving (you conserve up to 9 gallons of water per brushing).

Toilets use 5-7 gallons with each flush. Install a displacement device to conserve water. This is as simple as placing a plastic bottle filled with water in the tank. This will conserve about 1-2 gallons per flush.

Check for leaks and fix them immediately. A small leak can waste a lot of water and cost you money.

Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

Take a short shower instead of a bath; this saves about 15 gallons.

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap until water is cold. This simple step saves about two gallons per glass.

Install water efficient showerheads, toilets, and appliances.

Collect water used to rinse produce and use it to water house plants.

Use the garbage disposal sparingly, compost instead.

STATUS CHANGES

The water system status is anticipated to change to “Yellow Status” at the beginning of June. The status may change throughout the summer depending on weather conditions and water usage. Please watch the signs for the status change, call Village Hall (847-658-2700) or look on the Village website (www.algonquin.org).



WATER RESTRICTIONS STRICTLY ENFORCED

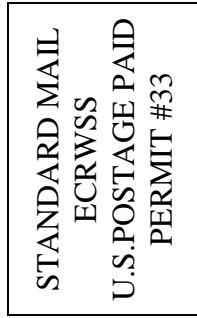
The Village has a zero tolerance policy. If you are watering illegally, you will be issued a ticket and fined \$100.00 for the first offense. Village employees are authorized to enforce water regulations at all times.

SURCHARGE RATES

Surcharge rates will be in effect for water consumption starting in late May through early September. Billing rates will be tripled for water consumption above 18,000 gallons per month. These rates will appear on the water bills you receive in July, August and September, covering the months late May through early September. Check your water bill to see what your average consumption is, or check your water meter to monitor water consumption levels.

WEBSITES FOR MORE INFO

- www.co.mchenry.il.us/common/CountyDpt/WaterRes/default.asp
- www.savingwater.org
- www.H2ouse.org



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Village of Algonquin Water Conservation

“Every Drop Counts!”



VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

May 2008

The Village of Algonquin continues to take a pro-active role in the conservation of water. The overall goal of the water conservation program is to educate residents and businesses about the ease of conserving water and the importance of conservation. Water is a valuable natural resource that cannot be taken for granted. Algonquin relies on underground aquifers (lakes) to supply all of our drinking water. It is critical that the amount pumped out of these aquifers is kept under control to ensure that there is enough water for everyone, now and in the future. In order to ensure water quality and quantity, we request all residents and businesses to join our efforts to protect and conserve water. The Village regulations are explained in this pamphlet as well as conservation tips you can practice at home. Thank you in advance for your continued efforts to reduce the amount of water consumed in your home and/or business all year.

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