Liberty recently mailed you a newsletter that listed our current outdoor watering guidelines. We have been made aware that the watering guidelines were unclear. We have worked to clarify the guidelines, and you can find the current watering guidelines and recommendations below. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Apple Valley Watering Recommendations

Watering your landscape can be challenging in the High Desert due to unpredictable weather. We face challenges from freezing weather and temperatures during the winter, and extremely hot and windy days during the summer.

Outdoor irrigation is currently restricted to <u>no more</u> than three days per week. Customers may choose what days they would like to water OR follow the below recommendations:

- If you have sprinklers: You should water no more than 10 minutes per day per station.
- If you have an address ending in an even number (0,2,4,6,8): Water outdoors on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday
- If you have an address ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9): Water outdoors on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday

This provision does not apply to landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use drip-type irrigation systems. This provision also does not apply to watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container or a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle or similar device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use. This provision also does not apply to those who are adjusting or repairing an irrigation system. However, no irrigation that results in runoff can occur, regardless of method.

Taking into consideration the weather and seasons, here are some landscape irrigation recommendations:

- **Spring** Avoid running sprinklers on windy days. If the weather is hot, then it is recommended to water early in the morning before 8:00 a.m. and in the evening after 6:00 p.m.
- **Summer** Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day. It is recommended to water before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Fall Before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Winter During the winter months, you typically do not need to water outdoors, as
  plant growth is usually on hold until February. To prevent damage to your sprinkler
  system caused by freezing temperatures, the water supply should be shut off. If
  watering in the winter, water only during the warm time of day, between 9:00 a.m. and
  3:00 p.m., to prevent ice forming on driveways and sidewalks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Liberty's Water Efficiency team via email at <u>Conservation@libertyutilities.com</u>.

## Los Angeles County Watering Recommendations

Watering your landscape can be challenging in the face of extreme drought, so Liberty wants to provide you with the necessary tools to help you save water without compromising the health of your landscape.

Outdoor irrigation is currently restricted\* to no more than three days per week. Customers may choose what days they would like to water OR follow the below schedule:

- If you have sprinkles: No more than 10 minutes of watering per day per station.
- If you have an address ending in an even number (0,2,4,6,8): Water outdoors on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday
- If you have an address ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9): Water outdoors on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday

This provision does not apply to landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use drip-type irrigation systems. This provision also does not apply to watering or irrigating by use of a handheld hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle or similar device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use. This provision also does not apply for those who are adjusting or repairing their irrigation systems. However, no irrigation that results in runoff can occur, regardless of method.

Here are additional recommendations to help you water more efficiently:

- We recommend watering before sunrise or after sunset, when the sun is low and the risk of evaporation due to sunshine and high winds is low. To avoid evaporation, please water outdoors before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.
- If you have an automatic timed irrigation system, we recommend setting it to go off in the mornings around 4:00 a.m. or 5:00 a.m., as this is typically when wind is lower.

Liberty is currently not enforcing these guidelines and will not be shutting off your water or monitoring your water use via driving by or inspecting the property.