

# WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP

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Dear West Traverse Township Water Customer,

As you may know, the City of Harbor Springs has identified critical deficiencies in its water system. The City is moving quickly to implement improvements to ensure the safety and reliability of its water system. In the meantime, the City has determined that it is necessary to manage the peak demand on its water system during the summer when residents are sprinkling their lawns. To reduce demand, beginning July 1, 2009, the City is permitting lawn sprinkling only on alternate days.

While West Traverse Township's water system, with the imminent completion of the new reservoir on Hughston Road, is in full compliance with regulatory requirements, the water being delivered is purchased from the City. Therefore, as a customer of the City's water system, the Township must also manage peak demand. At the Township Board meeting on June 9, 2009, in accordance with the Township's Water Ordinance, the Board passed a resolution to adopt the same restriction as the City for lawn sprinkling.

**For all West Traverse Township water system customers, beginning July 1, 2009, lawn sprinkling is only permitted on alternate days according to the following schedule:**

- *Even numbered addresses may sprinkle only on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.*
- *Odd numbered addresses may sprinkle only on Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday.*
- *Sprinkling will not be permitted on Friday.*

Normal usage could return within two years, if the improvements to the City's water system are completed on schedule. You will be advised when this restriction is removed.

Compliance with this restriction is required to ensure that there is an adequate supply of water throughout the combined City and Township community, for household use and in the event of a fire or water emergency. Per the Township's Water Ordinance, a violation of the restriction is a municipal civil infraction that could result in fines and other penalties.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Township Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday – Friday, at 526-7361, or by e-mail to [supervisor@westtraversetownship.com](mailto:supervisor@westtraversetownship.com).

Bob Sandford, Township Supervisor