



Water Hydrant Flushing

October 15 - 17, 2014

During this time, the water may be rusty and water pressure may drop.

The Public Works Department recommends that you do not wash white or light colored clothing during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (320) 485-2201.

Winsted residents will soon be preparing for the cold Minnesota winter. The City of Winsted would like to take this opportunity to remind you that

NO GRASS CLIPPINGS OR LEAVES CAN BE BLOWN ONTO THE STREET.

These materials can clog storm drains, which results in flooding. Winsted Ordinance allows the City to charge \$150.00 per hour for street sweeping services to clean areas where residents and property owners have blown their clippings or leaves onto the street. Please contact the Public Works Department at (320) 485-2201, with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation!



HALLOWEEN Bash

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

1:00 p.m. - Winsted City Hall

PUMPKIN DECORATING

FREE PUMPKINS!

Come early-quantities are limited!

Apple Game 

Hay Rides

Face Painting



CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS & FACTS



In order to preserve our water resources, it is important that everyone in our community practice water conservation by making simple changes in our daily routines. This will also ensure savings on water bills. Consider your daily activities and how you can help conserve water, and how you can make a difference!

In the Bathroom

- Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day and dripping faucets waste up to 2,000 gallons of water per year.
- Toilets should not be used as trash cans to flush tissues, gum wrappers, cigarettes, insects, diapers, etc.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Don't turn the shower on until you're ready to step in.
- Use less water for baths. You can save 5 gallons of water for each inch of water you don't use.
- If your shower fills a 1 gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- Don't leave water running while washing your face, shaving or brushing your teeth. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- An electric razor uses less energy than it takes to heat up the water for razor shaving.

In the Kitchen

- Instead of running hot water to defrost frozen food, defrost in the microwave or refrigerator.
- Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator. Don't run the tap until the water is cold enough to drink.
- Use the smallest amount of water possible in cooking to save both water and nutrients. Most frozen vegetables require about 1/2 to 1 cup of water, not half a saucepan.
- Rather than letting the water run while peeling vegetables, rinse them briefly at the beginning and end of the chore.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Use the prewash, rinse-hold and scrub cycles of your dishwasher only when necessary.
- Use low-sudsing detergents - they require less rinsing.
- Adding ¼ to ½ cup of vinegar to your wash water cuts grease more readily than hot water alone.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

In the Laundry Room

- Only run clothes washers and dish washers when they are full.
- If your washer has a variable load control, always adjust water levels to fit the size of the load.
- This saves both water and the energy needed to heat the extra hot water.
- Remember that in soft water clothes get cleaner and require less detergent and less rinse water.
- When buying a new washing machine, look for models with water or energy-saving controls.
- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves both on water and energy while it helps your clothes to keep their colors.

Did You Know?

The average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is 70 gallons per person, per day!

Other Areas of the House

- Insulate the hot water heater, pay special attention to the insulation qualities of the shell. Avoid buying a larger tank than is necessary for your needs.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, and then reuse it to water houseplants.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.
- Setting cooling systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills saves water and chemicals, plus more on utility bills.



Conserve and Save!