

As a resident of our county, we know you value the high quality of life Johnston County offers. Ensuring we have an adequate water supply for everyone-today and tomorrow-is an important part of maintaining our county's vitality.

Preserving our water supply is critical. Thank you for helping to manage water use.

Johnston County encourages Water Conservation at all times. The Johnston County Water Conservation policy requires alternate day schedule for automatic or non-automatic irrigation systems. The year-round policy was adopted by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners on April 5, 2010.



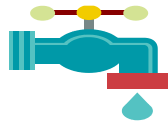
TERMS OF THE WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

- ❖ No irrigation on Mondays.
- ❖ Odd-number addresses - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- ❖ Even-number addresses- Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- ❖ Watering by hand (with cans, wands, hand-held hoses) is allowed any day of the week. You must actually be holding the watering hose, can, etc. Watering by hand cannot occur unattended.
- ❖ Water restrictions do not apply to washing cars, pressure washing houses or driveways.
- ❖ Pools can only be filled through the use of Johnston County Public Utilities residential meter. We do not allow any hydrant meter filling.

Year-Round Alternate Day Watering Schedule

Day of Week	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
Odd Street Addresses	No	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Even Street Addresses	No		Yes		Yes		Yes

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



- ❖ Check every faucet in the house and repair leaking faucets. A dripping faucet can waste 3,600 gallons a year.
- ❖ Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- ❖ Know where your master water shut-off is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- ❖ Highest volume water uses inside the home include:
 - Toilet: 26.7%
 - Clothes Washer: 21.7%
 - Shower: 16.8%
 - Faucets: 15.7%
 - Leaks: 13.7%

KITCHEN

- ❖ Only use the dishwasher and/or washing machine with full loads, and use the water saving setting if available.
- ❖ Don't leave the water running while rinsing dishes.
- ❖ Keep a pitcher of cold water in the fridge, instead of running water until its cold.
- ❖ Don't thaw frozen food under running water.

BATHROOM

- ❖ Don't leave water running while shaving or brushing teeth.
- ❖ If you hear running water in your toilet tank, adjust the leaky float valve or replace the faulty hardware.
- ❖ Keeping showers less than five minutes can save up to 1000 gallons per month.
- ❖ Install faucet aerators and/or water saving shower heads.
- ❖ Replace pre-1994 toilets with low-flush toilets.

OUTDOORS

- ❖ Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from freezing and/or bursting.
- ❖ Water your plants in the morning or evening, not in the heat of the day.
- ❖ Water slowly, thoroughly and as infrequently as possible to promote deep roots and healthy plants.
- ❖ Adding compost or other organic matter to your soil will improve its water holding capacity.
- ❖ Position sprinklers so they do not water pavement.
- ❖ Limit car washing. Use a bucket and a hose with spray attachment.
- ❖ Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- ❖ Capture and recycle rainwater.

VIOLATIONS

Any water customer of the Johnston County Department of Public Utilities distribution system that violates or permits the violation of these rules and regulations after first receiving a written warning shall be subject to the penalties established by the Board of Commissioners.

Each violation shall be added to the customer's utility bill and paid in the same manner as current payments to Johnston County Public Utilities. Each day a violation occurs shall be considered a separate violation.

In the event of a third violation or if penalties for previous violations are not paid, the Johnston County Department of Public Utilities may restrict or terminate water service.

Following are penalties:

Meter Size	First Violation	Second Violation
3/4" - 1"	\$100.00	\$250.00
1-1/2" - 2"	\$250.00	\$500.00
3" - 4"	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Over 4"	\$750.00	\$1,500.00

NEW LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION PERMIT

JOHNSTON COUNTY
New Landscape Establishment Irrigation Permit

ADDRESS: 1 Public Utilities Street

EXPIRATION DATE: 28 Days from issuance

HOURS: _____ TO _____

Customers of Johnston County can purchase a permit for *temporary irrigation*:

- ❖ Installation of new landscape planting, defined as:
 - New Sod - Whole Yard
 - First Time Seeding - Whole Yard
 - Large Commercial Planting

- ❖ Permit shall be specific for a single project on a specific land parcel.
- ❖ Irrigate for a consecutive 28 days.
- ❖ Shall be for a specified 5 hour period of time each day.
- ❖ A permit “sign” shall be posted on the property and visible from the street.
- ❖ The permit fee shall be \$200.00. One renewal permit period of 28 consecutive days may be granted for an additional \$200.00.
- ❖ Water for irrigation shall be billed at the County’s conservation rate.
- ❖ Penalties for violation shall be consistent with the County’s Water Supply Ordinance.
- ❖ Permits shall be obtained in the Public Utilities business office located in the Land Use Center, 309 E. Market Street, Smithfield.