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City says water may be at a premium this year, use wisely

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Water may be at a premium this coming summer for Nephi residents.

"This year is not shaping up to be a bountiful water supply year," said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

He said that the city will be sending out a copy of the water restrictions and wants residents to know that the time of day for outside watering will be in place again this year.

"Nephi City thanks its residents and businesses for their cooperation in wisely using our water resources," he said.

The city has completed several projects that have improved the reliability of the water delivery systems as well as the summer-time taste of the drinking water.

"Please remember that city ordinance prohibits outdoor watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.," he said.

The city outdoor watering ordinance governs the use of both culinary and irrigation water, is not seasonal or temporary, and remains in effect today.

"Please help use our water resources wisely and refrain from outdoor watering during these hours, when such watering is very inefficient," he said.

The only exceptions listed in the ordinance are the watering of newly-planted grass, short cycles necessary for inspecting and maintaining irrigation systems, and other situations specifically authorized by Nephi City.

"Violation of the time-of-day watering restrictions is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$750," said McKnight.

This year, residents are encouraged to put into place some water conservation methods.

Depending on the weather, it's generally better to water about once a week and provide 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches of water. (If it's hot, tender plants might have to be watered more often.)

Water early in the morning before 10 a.m. Watering in the heat of the day allows the water to evaporate and watering late in the day may promote fungus and other lawn diseases.

Don't over water. Puddles of water and runoff definitely indicate too much water. Puddles may also indicate soil isn't able to absorb enough water and needs conditioning.

Put off watering until another day if there is heavy dew on the grass.

Use Water Wisely...

Sweep sidewalks, driveways and patios instead of hosing.

Restrict play in the sprinklers to when the lawn needs watering.

Clean gutters and downspouts manually, without using a hose.

Water Conservation means making the most efficient use of the state's most precious natural resource.



EASTER WEEKEND IS UPON US • and ATVs, motorcycles, sand rails and other assorted vehicles will be headed for Juab County's Little Sahara sand dunes this weekend. The weatherman is calling for highs in the high 60's and low 70's for the weekend and the area should be packed and according to the BLM the Visitor's center will have extended hours for the weekend and crews should have the water turned on. File photo.

Concerned comments made about county weed abatement program

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An annually renewed routine weed abatement agreement between several agencies and Juab County drew some comments from a few concerned citizens on Monday.

Kevin Bailey, Juab County Weed Department Supervisor, presented a weed control MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with BLM (Bureau of Land Management) for commissioners to consider.

Commissioners agreed to sign the agreement following the presentation and after listening to the comments made.

"Those participating in the agreement are USU, Tooele, Millard, Utah Counties and the BLM," said Bailey.

Cooperative Weed Manage-

ment Areas commonly referred to as CWMA's, are one of the newest and most effective ways to battle noxious and invading weeds in the United States.

"We worked with Millard and Tooele and a Squarrose Knapweed abatement program," he said.

Bailey said a coordinated effort has been organized in the weed management partnership to control noxious weeds on BLM lands.

"The county has participated in the partnership for the past seven years," he said.

Funds come from the BLM to help fight the spread of noxious weeds.

The funds help fight the spread of Squarrose Knapweed and other noxious weeds. BLM weed work also leads to the detection and control of Scotch thistle, musk thistle, bull thistle,

all the knapweeds, white top, pepperweed, black henbane and tamarisk.

Blaine Malquist asked commissioners if he could ask a few questions. The first he asked was directed to Bailey.

"What kind of chemical is being used?" asked Malquist.

The weed abatement program, under the agreement, uses Grazon, 2, 4-D, and Banvel, said Bailey. The active ingredient in Grazon P+D is picloram plus 2, 4-D.

It is advertised as a broad-spectrum broadleaf weed control designed for rangeland and pasture use.

Malquist said that he was in the area where the herbicide was sprayed last year as the application was made. He said that Mountain Thistle, a native species, also known as Eaton's thistle, is a species of flowering

plant in the aster family and is eaten by cattle.

"I saw the same area sprayed seven times," he said. "It didn't kill the plant."

Later in the year, he observed the plant and it was still doing well.

One effective way to get rid of Russian Thistle, which is on the noxious weed list, is to pull it.

Catherine Malquist said that weeds can be killed by pouring boiling water on them or by spraying them with vinegar.

"You received a letter from Dr. Brian Moench," said C. Malquist, "that means that you are accountable at a higher level."

Dr. Moench is president of Utah Physicians for a Healthy

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Nephi Police will be enforcing OHV ordinances more closely

The Nephi City Police will be enforcing the Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinances more closely as the weather turns warmer.

"Please follow the local city and state laws when riding Off-Highway Vehicles within the Nephi City Area," said Sergeant John D. Shepherd, Nephi City Police Department Information Officer.

Local Ordinance: 11.410 applies, he said.

Use the designed streets marked for use when riding Off-Highway Vehicles. The streets are marked. From an operator's residence the law is always for the OHVs to be driven to the marked streets by the shortest route possible.

The streets designated for use are:

700 North - East & West
Golf Course Road
200 West from 700 North to 500 South
500 South from 400 East to West City Limits
400 East from 700 North to 500 South
100 South from 400 East to 800 East

-The speed limit on the streets is 15 MPH.
-Equipment must be maintained on the Off-Highway Ve-

hicles.

-The vehicles must be ridden on the outside edge of all paved roads so as not to impede regular traffic.

-ALL Off-Highway Vehicles must be registered according to the state laws.

-The driver of the Off-Highway Vehicles must have a valid Utah driver's license, over 18 years old, or possess the appropriate state license and certificate (card).

-Anyone under the age of 18 years old is required to wear a helmet as per the state laws.

-All violations are Class C Misdemeanors and will be enforced by local law enforcement. If a violator is under 16 years old and does not have a valid state ATV license the parent's of the juvenile may also be issued charges. Law Enforcement officers will have the discretion to tow any Off-Highway Vehicles in violation.

The Off-Highway Vehicle law will be strongly enforced by the Nephi City Police Department. Please contact the department with any questions 435-623-1626.



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