



## *At Your Service*

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### *How Efficiently Is Your Lawn Watered?*

Water is a very precious resource. Due to a series of influences including environmental mandates and rising nitrate levels, water is becoming more costly to supply to customers of Hastings Utilities. The more efficiently a lawn is watered can help control the amount of a monthly bill.

Early morning is the optimum time to water a lawn. Watering early in the day as close to daybreak as possible, allows for the most water to soak into the lawn. After mid-morning, moisture actually leaves the lawn due to evaporation. A good soaking, rather than frequent shorter watering allows for a better root system to be developed and makes the lawn healthier. Lawns without deeper roots are less drought resistant and more prone to winter kill.

If an underground sprinkling system is used check that it's operating properly. Sprinkler heads may become partially or entirely plugged. Check to determine if water is getting where it's intended to go instead of watering sidewalks, driveways or streets. Determine if the sprinkler heads are popping up high enough so that the water spray is not depleted or distorted by nearby grass.

Typically, bluegrass lawns need about ¼" of water daily. Of course, if ample rainfall occurs, irrigating the lawn can be skipped according to how much precipitation has fallen. Also, strongly consider installing a rain sensor on your sprinkling system. A rain sensor detects when ample precipitation has occurred and allows for the next scheduled lawn sprinkling to be skipped. If you are a retail water customer of Hastings Utilities, you are also eligible to apply for a rebate if you install a qualifying rain sensor on your system.

Rain sensors can be purchased locally. Once installed and operating, a retail water customer of HU can receive up to \$75 as a rebate toward the cost of having the device installed. Some types of rain sensors are wired directly to the system's control panel while others send a wireless signal. The wireless devices have a higher cost than the "wired in" sensors.

Please help conserve local water supplies. How a lawn is maintained can help conserve this very valuable resource while also providing a lower monthly water bill.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Celebrate National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019 citizens throughout Hastings are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 36th Annual "National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event.

On Tuesday, August 6th residents of Hastings are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

The Crime Prevention Committee of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a FREE BBQ and visits with police, various community organizations, and other activities at Chautauqua Pavilion. Local non-profits will also be in attendance and will have booths set up for you to gather their information.

The event will start with a short walk around the park at 5:30 p.m., followed by a FREE BBQ.

The BBQ will be open to those who walk first and then to the other's attending.

For more details or questions on how your organization can get involved, contact Corporal John Adams with the Hastings Police Department at 402-461-2380 or Nichole Rundle at the

Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce at 402-461-8400.

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