



The Place to Be

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Conserve Water at Home

Like most of the state, Derby is entering the third year of a drought. Taking water conservation measures now can begin to make a difference.

In the Bathroom

Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving. Save 4-10 gallons per day.

Take shorter showers - five minutes will get you clean. Save 3-7 gallons per shower.

Replace regular shower heads with low-flow shower heads or flow restrictors. Save more than 2 gallons per minute.

Install a low-flow toilet that uses only 1.6 gallons per flush compared to 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush with an older toilet.

Fix leaky pipes or faucets. Save 20 gallons per day.

Use food coloring once a year to check for toilet leaks. Put 10 drops of food coloring into the tank, wait 15 minutes and check for color in the toilet bowl. If you see any color, it indicates you have a leak.

Rethink Water Use

Since the drought has continued through the winter months, the City recommends you rethink your water usage and do what you can to conserve now.

Will mandatory water restrictions occur later this year? It is too soon to know, but much can be accomplished by lots of people conserving small amounts. If the community pitches in, voluntary efforts could mean avoiding the need for mandates.

Lush, green lawns should not be our priority during a drought. Keeping grass alive generally requires only one inch of water



City Manager
Kathy Sexton

In the Kitchen/Laundry Room

Fill your sink when washing and rinsing dishes. Save 8-15 gallons per day. Save hot water costs as well.

Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when full.

Wash vegetables and fruit in a basin. Use a vegetable brush to remove dirt. Save 2-4 gallons per day.

Run your garbage disposal only when necessary. Save 2-7 gallons per minute.

Choose tap water over bottled water - it takes about 1.5 gallons of water to manufacture a single plastic bottle.

In the Yard

Add compost to your soil to improve its water-holding capacity. Mulch acts as a blanket to keep in moisture and help prevent soil erosion, soil compression and weeds. *Free mulch is available at the City's Chip Site at High Park.*

per week. If your sprinkler system is programmed to water more than that, consider changing the program when you turn the system on this spring.

If you are considering putting in a new lawn or planting a tree this spring, consider postponing until after the drought subsides. The subsoil is drier than it has been in years, which means if a root system is not already well established, the likelihood of survival is low.

Continue to watch this publication each month for updates and tips. If you would like to share your water-saving tips, send them to KathySexton@derbyweb.com for inclusion in future publications.

Repair leaky hose connections and sprinkler valves.

Use brick and gravel in patios and walkways to help keep water in the garden rather than the gutter.

Install timing devices to allow for efficient watering on a schedule suited to each area of the landscape. A rain sensor prevents watering when it's not necessary. Rain sensors are required in all automatic sprinkler systems.

Don't overwater! Established lawns and shrubs and most vegetables and flowers just need **one inch** of water a week. *To determine if one inch of rain has fallen, collect water in a container, such as a coffee can, then measure with a ruler.*



Mark Your Calendar

Uncorked: 2013 Annual Gala

Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Derby Public Library

Join the Derby Community Foundation for an evening of fine wine, food, art, music! Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased at Derby Welcome Center. Visit www.derbycf.org for more information.

Severe Weather Safety Program

March 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Derby Public Library Community Room
Free and open to the public

Arbor Day

April 25 at 6:00 p.m.
Madison Avenue Central Park
512 E. Madison

Citywide Garage Sale

May 16, 17 and 18
Coordinated by Crime Stoppers of Derby



20 Acts of Generosity

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Derby Community Foundation, 20 individuals will be recognized in 2013 for their generosity in the Derby community. Of those 20, one finalist will be selected and honored at the Foundation's 2014 Uncorked Gala and will receive the Foundation's distinguished Generosity Award.

The Foundation is now accepting nominations. Forms are available at the Derby Welcome Center and www.derbycf.org. Please return the nomination to the Foundation.

Guidelines for the award:

- live in the Derby School District
- reflect an uncommon act of generosity within the last 12 months that accurately reflects the mission of the DCF



- acts of generosity does not necessarily have to be financial
- candidate may be a civic group, organization, or group of individuals
- no age restrictions

For more information, contact Theresa Hearn at 788-9815 or admin@derbycf.org.

No Backflow Inspections in 2013

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, please read this article.

The City of Derby's Cross Connection Control Program was established to protect the public water supply from outside contaminants, therefore protecting the health of all water consumers.

In 2012, the City of Derby updated the inspection schedule for residential irrigation system backflow prevention devices. Backflow prevention devices now need to be

inspected every 24 months (was previously every 12 months) by a certified backflow inspector. Inspection reports can be returned to the utility payment counter at City Hall.

Benefits are twofold - residents save money by skipping a year between inspections, and City staff have more time to work through the notification and compliance process.

This new policy is now in effect. The next required inspection will be in January 2014.

New Business Hours

Derby City Hall, Welcome Center, Municipal Court, Senior Center and Derby Dash will have new business hours beginning February 4 to accommodate the needs of residents.

By opening 30 minutes earlier and staying open 30 minutes later Monday through Thursday, residents who work in surrounding communities have an opportunity to conduct business before or after their 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule. To make this customer-service initiative budget-neutral for taxpayers, these facilities will close at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays.

New Business Hours Beginning February 4, 2013

City Hall, Welcome Center & Municipal Court

- Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Senior Center

- Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Derby Dash

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
On Fridays when school is not in session and during the summer months when school is on break, hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Make the Call

Code Enforcement has a new phone number!

Call 788-0301 to contact a member of our Code Enforcement staff to report concerns.

The most common violations include:

- abandoned vehicles
- tall grass & weeds
- parking on unpaved surfaces
- illegal signs
- bulky waste in front yard

Sing With Us!

Community Choir Recruitment

The Derby Community Choir holds open rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Woodlawn United Methodist Church. The choir will have a public performance on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the church.

If you have questions, contact Ross Hearn, Choir Director, at rhearn2@cox.net or 788-6321.

Thank You Derby

Operation Holiday Derby served more than 900 people in the Derby Public School District with non-perishable food, vouchers for perishable food, and toys:

- 544 children and teens
- 246 families/individuals
- 23 families adopted

Operation Holiday thanks the many individuals, businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations who donated generously this season to help others. The level of contributions and volunteer time given shows that our community is the place to be where you can count on others to help.



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