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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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WATER AVAILABILITY AND WISE WATER USE

August is here and before the month ends schools will be reopening, football will start, and autumn will be on its way. Hopefully, late summer rainstorms will come and there will be some relief from the severe drought being experienced by Utah and much of the rest of the Western United States. If the past few years are an indication of the future, however, White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") anticipates that current hot and dry weather will continue into September and higher demand for water will continue. Fortunately, WCWID has adequate water supplies from its deep aquifer to meet that demand.

Obviously, WCWID wants to do its part to conserve water to improve regional conditions and to acknowledge the drought condition. We are concerned, however that some of our members are no longer watering their lawns at all. Abruptly stopping irrigation during hot weather will cause the grass to die instead of going dormant. Due to our sandy soil, erosion and invasive weeds will rapidly occur without landscaping in place. (Invasive weeds, if allowed to grow too tall not only violate County and City ordinances, but they kill other plants which if watered properly can beautify your yards and not devalue our neighborhoods.)

If you feel your lawn uses too much water, but you do not have a large budget to re-landscape next year, try some of the following tips:

Raise your mower blade to 2 ½ to 3 inches. Longer grass blades protect the soil and help retain moisture. Short grass loses moisture faster.

Water lawns deeply and less frequently. For example, instead of watering for 10 minutes every day, water for 30 minutes twice a week. This promotes a deeper root system and minimizes pests and sod diseases.

Use a shallow pan to check how much water you are applying. Place a pan with straight sides (like a 9x13 cake pan) on the lawn in the area being watered and then water like typical. When time is up, measure how much water is standing in the bottom of the pan. Adjust your watering so your lawn gets a total of 1-inch of water a week. Overwatering just washes nutrients out of the soil, which hurts your lawn.

Use compost to help the soil retain moisture. Most gardeners already do this to their flowerbeds, but you can do it to your lawn as well. Using very fine compost, spread ½-inch of compost across your lawn. This is called top dressing. The grass can still grow through the thin layer and the compost will help the sandy soil retain more moisture.

Thank you for caring for your yards and landscape. The District has the water necessary for each of you to take care of your property. If you have any questions about water conservation,

please look at the websites for the Jordan Valley Water Conservation District's conservation garden, the Utah State University Extension or other conservation sites.

TAKE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CODE RED

WCWID has recently updated its Emergency Response Plan to better prepare for the future. As amply illustrated by this past year, the time to prepare for an emergency is NOW instead of waiting for an emergency to be upon you. Be it an earthquake, windstorm or pandemic, life tends to throw curve balls at all of us, including WCWID and other providers of services.

An essential part of the Emergency Operation Plan is WCWID's ability to communicate quickly and efficiently to our customers. This is not always easy, especially in this day of multiple media sources and conflicting work schedules. No longer can a simple call to the local radio or TV station guarantee access to the public. It is for this reason that WCWID introduced the **CodeRED** emergency notification service to our customers in September 2019. This service can be used by WCWID to notify residents of construction projects, water outages, and emergencies that might arise from earthquakes or other circumstances.

At that time, we encouraged everyone to enroll for the service by going to the WCWID website home page (<https://wcid.org>) and clicking on the **CodeRED** logo where you will be taken to the enrollment website. There you will be asked to type in the contact information for the methods you choose (address, home phone, cell phone, e-mail, etc.). You may also choose to receive General Notifications (non-emergency) or Severe Weather Warnings through the **CodeRED** enrollment.

If you are not sure that you are included in the database, simply log onto website, (<https://wcid.org>) and follow the link to the "**CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment**" page. You can also text WCWID to the number 99411 to enroll your information from your mobile phone.

It is recommended that all businesses register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their numbers or locations within the past year.

Additionally, CodeRED offers a free app (CodeRED Mobile Alert) for your mobile device. The app can be used to alert users of various emergency events happening in proximity to the location of your mobile device.

Enrollment for Emergency Notifications is critical to ensure WCWID can notify you in an emergency. If you have any questions, please call the office at 801-571-3991 and ask for Allan Perry.....Thank you!



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