

The June 21, 2016 Final Decision approving of the Application by the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin for a Diversion of Great Lakes Water from Lake Michigan and an Exception to Allow the Diversion sets forth various conditions of the approval.

Condition J of the Decision requires an annual report be filed that, “documents the daily, monthly and annual amounts of water diverted and returned to the Lake Michigan watershed over the previous calendar year”. No water has yet been diverted. It is anticipated that the diversion will commence by September 2023. Thus, in the absence of a diversion, no report is yet required, and there is no diversion of water to report. Although this report is not required the City of Waukesha Water Utility is providing the following information as a matter of background for the calendar year 2021.

Requirement (a):

The City shall summarize that the diversion was implemented consistent with the requirements of the Council Decision.

Response:

The approved diversion has not commenced to operate during the 2021 calendar year. The City of Waukesha Water Utility continues to construct the infrastructure necessary to deliver water from Lake Michigan which will be returned to the Great Lakes Basin via the Root River in Franklin, Wisconsin.

The anticipated commencement date is before September 2023.

Requirement (b):

The total amount of water purchased daily, monthly, and annually from the City of Milwaukee, including the location(s) of the water meter used to determine the amount of water purchased.

Response:

There was no water purchased from the City of Milwaukee in 2021.

Requirement (c):

The total amount of water sold monthly, to each category of customer within the approved diversion area.

Response:

The following table illustrates the gallons sold, by month, in 2021 from water supplied by existing Waukesha Utility wells:

Water Sold: Customer Class	2021 # of Customers	Water Sold (gallons)					
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
RESIDENTIAL	16,670	54,162,200	74,438,500	100,786,300	67,315,700	61,693,000	64,074,600
RES-2 FAMILY	1,288	8,498,900	8,832,900	15,806,700	10,380,100	8,672,900	8,433,200
RES-3 FAMILY	76	560,900	329,000	1,156,700	734,800	566,300	587,600
MULTI-FAMILY	950	29,000,800	24,497,500	55,174,800	34,912,900	30,236,100	29,597,600
COMMERCIAL -REG	1,272	20,980,400	17,018,200	35,608,800	28,468,900	24,491,600	26,134,300
INDUSTRIAL	146	9,624,000	9,817,800	11,256,800	11,181,400	11,972,300	12,344,000
PUBLIC	118	4,060,600	3,689,800	4,349,700	4,045,500	4,545,400	6,720,800
IRRIGATION	142	122,200	4,000	6,400	19,800	504,800	1,117,700
TOTAL	20,662	127,010,000	138,627,700	224,146,200	157,059,100	142,682,400	149,009,800

Customer Class	Water Sold (gallons)						
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
RESIDENTIAL	70,099,100	73,099,800	67,950,400	66,236,400	61,041,700	55,221,400	816,119,100
RES-2 FAMILY	8,637,200	8,954,800	8,778,200	8,657,500	8,357,500	7,573,400	111,583,300
RES-3 FAMILY	600,300	652,200	555,800	541,000	524,900	488,800	7,298,300
MULTI-FAMILY	29,391,400	31,108,200	31,053,700	33,187,100	30,568,800	28,180,200	386,909,100
COMMERCIAL -REG	28,966,000	29,791,400	30,261,700	31,759,800	24,996,300	21,012,300	319,489,700
INDUSTRIAL	12,206,900	13,544,800	13,200,700	12,643,100	10,497,100	9,519,000	137,807,900
PUBLIC	6,598,600	7,487,300	6,760,000	5,914,250	4,339,900	3,728,600	62,240,450
IRRIGATION	2,193,300	2,981,000	2,459,000	1,588,300	494,200	47,500	11,538,200
TOTAL	158,692,800	167,619,500	161,019,500	160,527,450	140,820,400	125,771,200	1,852,986,050

Requirement (d):

The daily, monthly, and annual volume of treated wastewater discharge returned to the Root River and the daily, monthly, and annual volume of treated wastewater discharge returned to the Fox River.

Response:

No diversion occurred in 2021 so no water was returned to the Root River. The following table illustrates the gallons of wastewater sent to the City of Waukesha Clean Water Plant, by month, in 2021 which was then discharged to the Fox River:

Sewerage Flow to the City of Waukesha Clean Water Plant (gallons)						
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
196,639,000	176,762,000	242,203,000	229,293,000	227,991,000	208,939,000	
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
210,405,000	238,168,000	191,003,000	196,575,000	179,002,000	183,688,000	2,480,668,000

Requirement (e):

The total consumptive use as defined in Wis. Stat. §281.346(1)(e).

Response:

In 2021, Waukesha Water Utility had thirteen (13) ratepayers that had measured consumptive use, or water used during production. The total water usage associated with production in 2021 was 39,500,600 gallons.

Requirement (f):

A summary of the impact of the implemented Conservation and Efficiency Measures required under Wis. Admin. Code §§ NR 852.04 and NR 852.05, including quantifiable impacts to water use intensity, as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § NR 852.03(29). Water use intensity metric calculation methods as specified by the DNR.

Response:

Please find the 2021 Conservation Report, submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, as Attachment A.

Additionally, the 2021 intensity metric calculations, as specified by the DNR, is shown below:

Calculate Residential Equivalent Units

Meter size	Number of Meters	REU Ratio*	REU
5/8	17322	1	17322
3/4	1683	1	1683
1	911	2.5	2277.5
1 1/4	0	3.7	0
1 1/2	352	5	1760
2	339	8	2712
2 1/2	0	12.5	0
3	45	15	675
4	13	25	325
6	9	50	450
8	0	80	0
10	0	122	0
12	0	160	0
Total	20674		27204.5

Calculation Average Day Water Use per REU

Total Water Sales	1,852,986,050	gallons
Average Day Water Use	5,076,674	gallons/day
Water Use/REU	186.6115573	gpd/REU

* From Wisconsin Public Service Commission

Calculate Average Residential Per Capita Use

Using the total usage from Requirement (c) of 1,852,986,050 and dividing it by the City of Waukesha’s estimated population of 72,299 equals 25,629 gallons Waukesha’s Average Residential Per Capita Water Use.

Calculate Maximum Day to Average Day

	Total Annual	Average Day
Annual Water Withdrawal	1,923,146,000	5,268,893 gallons/day
Maximum Day Withdrawal		8,353,000
Maximum to Average Day Ratio		1.585342454

Requirement (g):

A description of any additional Conservation and Efficiency Measures implemented.

Response:

Starting in 2006, the City of Waukesha Water Utility (“Utility”) implemented a variety of conservation programs. Additionally, the Utility approved a conservation plan in 2012. The program consists of incentive programs, such as toilet and shower head rebates for single and multifamily properties, and grants for innovative site-specific water saving measures.

Through 2021, the program has driven a reduction in water use of 0.6M gallons per day from 2006. Additionally, the Utility expects the average to meet or exceed the conservation plan’s goal of 0.8M gallons of water saved per day in 2050.

Requirement (h):

A statement verifying that no customers outside of the diversion area were sold Lake Michigan water.

Response:

The City of Waukesha Water Utility certifies no Lake Michigan water was diverted and therefore no customers inside or outside of the approved diversion area were sold Lake Michigan water.

Requirement (i):

A spatially explicit description of the properties served by the City’s water utility, in the manner prescribed by the DNR.

Response:

Please see Attachment B.

Requirement (j):

A report of any City wells filled and sealed or changed to emergency use status in the past year. A description of deep aquifer groundwater wells maintained for emergency use, as allowed under Wis. Admin. Code § NR 810.22, and use of these wells in the previous year.

Response:

The status of City wells will change after the diversion commences, but that has not yet occurred. Please see Attachment C for the current status of the City wells.

Requirement (k):

A summary of the implementation of the pharmaceutical and personal care products recycling and reduction program in the past year.

Response:

The City of Waukesha submitted the City of Waukesha Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products Reduction Program to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval. See Attachment D.

Requirement (l):

For at least 10 years after the date the diversion begins, the City shall annually report the results of Root River monitoring to DNR. The report shall include a summary of the monitoring results and a summary of any impacts to the Root River from the City's wastewater discharge.

Response:

The diversion has not yet begun and no return flow to the Root River has commenced, thus there are no monitoring results to report. However, the City of Waukesha submitted City of Waukesha Post-Return Flow Root River Monitoring Program to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval. See Attachment E.

Requirement (m):

A statement of compliance with all applicable federal and state permits and approvals.

Response:

The City of Waukesha has complied with all applicable federal and state approvals to date.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN
REPORT ON WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

Utility Name: Waukesha Water Utility - 6240
 Report Date: 04/01/2022
 Report Period: 01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
 Report Frequency: Annual
 Billing Frequency: Quarterly
 Person Submitting Report: Joseph Ciurro

Waukesha Water Utility is submitting this report to the Public Service Commission, as required by PSC 185.97. This report addresses each of the points requested by the Commission, including the following information.

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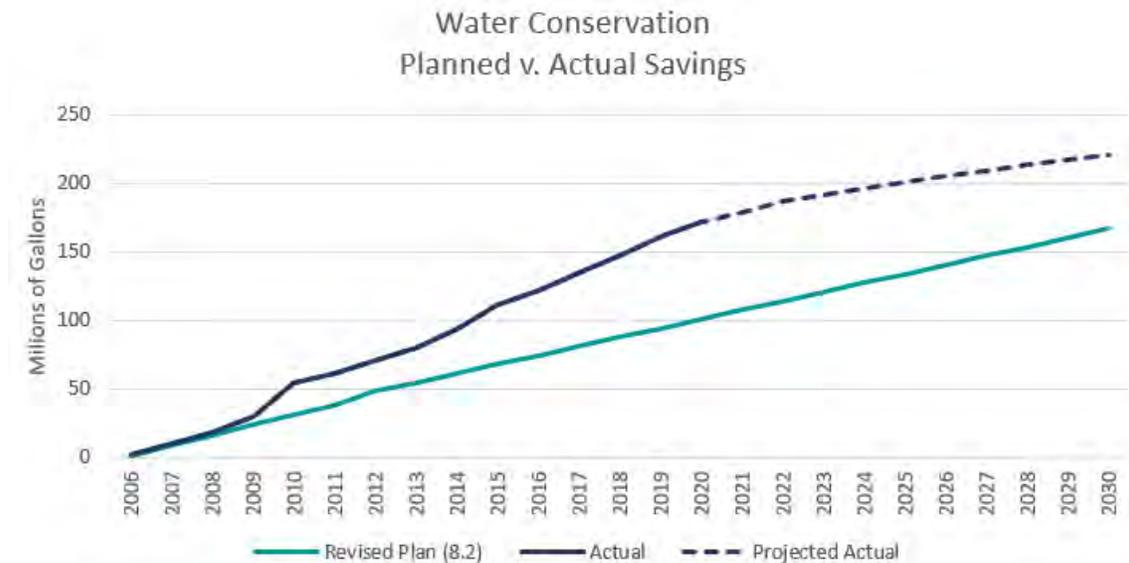
I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Water conservation is important in the City of Waukesha. Since 2006, the Utility has implemented a variety of conservation programs, and the City’s conservation efforts became more focused with the passage of NR 852.



This report shows that the Utility is addressing all the requirements of NR 852; and that by addressing the requirements, the City’s consumption has steadily decreased. Since its passage in 2010, the City’s annual pumpage and average day pumpage have decreased by 21%.

Waukesha is exceeding its conservation goals. The 2012 Conservation Plan projected a cumulative savings of 107.5 million gallons by 2021. As shown in the graph below, the Utility is ahead of it’s conservation goals. If Waukesha stays on track, the Utility will exceed savings of 0.8 million gallons per day by 2050.



Finally, because the Utility uses the criterion recommended in the 2012 Plan (cost effectiveness) to guide it’s efforts, the Utility achieves its goals by spending only a modest amount.

II. ANNUAL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Per Docket 6240-WR-107 the PSC determined that a “reasonable level of conservation costs recoverable in rates for the test year (2012) is \$62,271.” Subsequently, with Docket 6240-WR-110, the PSC agreed that the same level of costs was reasonable with a revised test year of 2021.

The actual costs since 2017 are as follows:

	Actual				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<u>Revenue</u>					
Rates	\$ 62,271	\$ 62,271	\$ 62,271	\$ 62,271	\$ 62,271
Sewer Reimbursement	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	92,271	92,271	92,271	92,271	92,271
<u>Expenses</u>					
Program Administration	11,144	8,829	8,630	8,954	17,873
Customer Outreach and Education	6,354	8,538	14,875	15,102	22,030
Other Program Costs	2,031	2,497	2,549	2,951	1,544
Leak Surveys	-	-	-	11,450	15,197
Toilet Rebates	28,995	34,550	46,382	17,589	32,824
Grants & Incentives	580	330	190	15,428	2,819
	49,104	54,744	72,626	71,474	92,287
Excess(Deficit)	\$ 43,167	\$ 37,527	\$ 19,645	\$ 20,797	\$ (16)

Program revenue remained consistent from 2020 to 2021. The current rate order (Docket #6240-WR-110) allows for \$62,271 in conservation costs to be recoverable by water rates, with \$30,000 of funding charged to the City’s Sewer Department.

In 2021, costs associated with this program were again affected by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic as it limited resources for residents, property owners and businesses to invest in water-conserving fixtures and equipment. That being said, there was still \$19,529 spent on program operating expenses and \$29,575 in incentives that have a direct effect on water conservation measurements. The program generated an excess of \$43,167 in 2021; the average excess generated since 2012 has increased from \$14,137 per year in 2020 to \$17,040 per year in 2021.

The most significant expense changes between 2021 and 2020 includes the decrease in staff time towards customer outreach and education and a decrease in toilet rebates (297 vs. 354). The program still focused its efforts on reaching out to large multi-family customers; there were just fewer applications from those owners to replace toilets in 2021. The Utility plans to continue its efforts of replacing inefficient toilets and promoting its business conservation incentive program in 2022. Additionally, staff will begin to work on its conservation plan update in 2022.

III. INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

The Utility has four active incentive programs:

1. Toilet Rebate Program
2. Shower Head Rebate Program
3. Rain Barrel Rebate Program
4. Grants for Innovative Site Specific Water Savings Measures

WaterSense®



1. Toilet Rebate Program

Waukesha Water Utility's High-Efficiency, 1.28 gpf (gallons per flush), WaterSense toilet rebate program has been in effect since October 2008. From October 2008 to July 2012, the program offered a \$25 rebate. In 2012, the Utility increased the rebate to \$100, although less is paid if the actual cost to the customer is less.

In 2021, the Utility continued to offer the residential toilet and showerhead rebates. However, as we did in previous years, we continued to focus on large multi-families.

The Utility pre-inspected toilets for 3 large multi-families, to make sure that the toilets qualified for a rebate. The 3 large multi-families were Willow Park Apartments, The Meadows Apartments, and Refermat, LLC.

Unfortunately, Willow Park Apartments (for low-income seniors and disabled) notified the Utility, about a month after the Utility pre-inspected 82 toilets, that due to other priorities, they would not be able to replaced their toilets in 2021. The Utility will follow up with Willow Park in 2022.

By the end of 2021, the Utility processed a total of 297 toilet rebates. This included 75 residential toilets, 7 residential 2 family, 3 commercial toilets, 1 industrial, and 211 toilets from large multi-families.

Detailed information pertaining to the large multi-family toilet rebates are shown on the following pages.



The Meadows Apartments changed out 200 toilets – most of the toilets dated back to 1972, but a few were dated 1991.



Refermat Enterprises, LLC., a 10-unit multi-family building, only had 3 toilets that qualified for a rebate. These toilets dated back to 1981 & 1987. In addition, Refermat Enterprises owned other properties and 3 more toilets qualified for a rebate. These other toilets dated back to 1970, 1971, and 1976.

The cover letters for the large multi-family toilet rebates are shown on the next 2 pages.



Waukesha Water Utility

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August 19, 2021

The Meadows
Attn: Lori Gabay
2400 Springdale Road
Waukesha, WI 53186

Re: Toilet Rebates for The Meadows Apartments

To Whom It May Concern:

Waukesha Water Utility would like to thank you for participating in the toilet rebate program. Your rebate application has been processed for 200 WaterSense toilets at \$96.75 per toilet. Please find enclosed a check for \$19,350.00.

Thank you again for working with the Utility and changing out the water wasting toilets. We appreciate your commitment to conserve water.

Sincerely,

WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY

Joseph Ciurro
Administrative Services Manager

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Enclosure: Check No. 46285

cc: Jim Clemmer

Cover Letter for The Meadows' Apartments Toilet Rebates



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December 17, 2021

Refermat Enterprises, LLC
Attn: Tom Refermat
P. O. Box 751
Brice, OH 43109

Waukesha, WI 53186

Re: Toilet Rebates for 525 Dunbar large multi-family and for the duplexes at 520 Broadway & 300 W Main Street

To Whom It May Concern:

Waukesha Water Utility would like to thank you for participating in the toilet rebate program. Your rebate application has been processed for 6 WaterSense toilets at \$100 per toilet. Please find enclosed a check for \$600.

These rebates are for the following properties: 3 rebates for the large multi-family, located at 525 Dunbar, 2 rebates for 520 Broadway, and 1 rebate for 300 W Main Street.

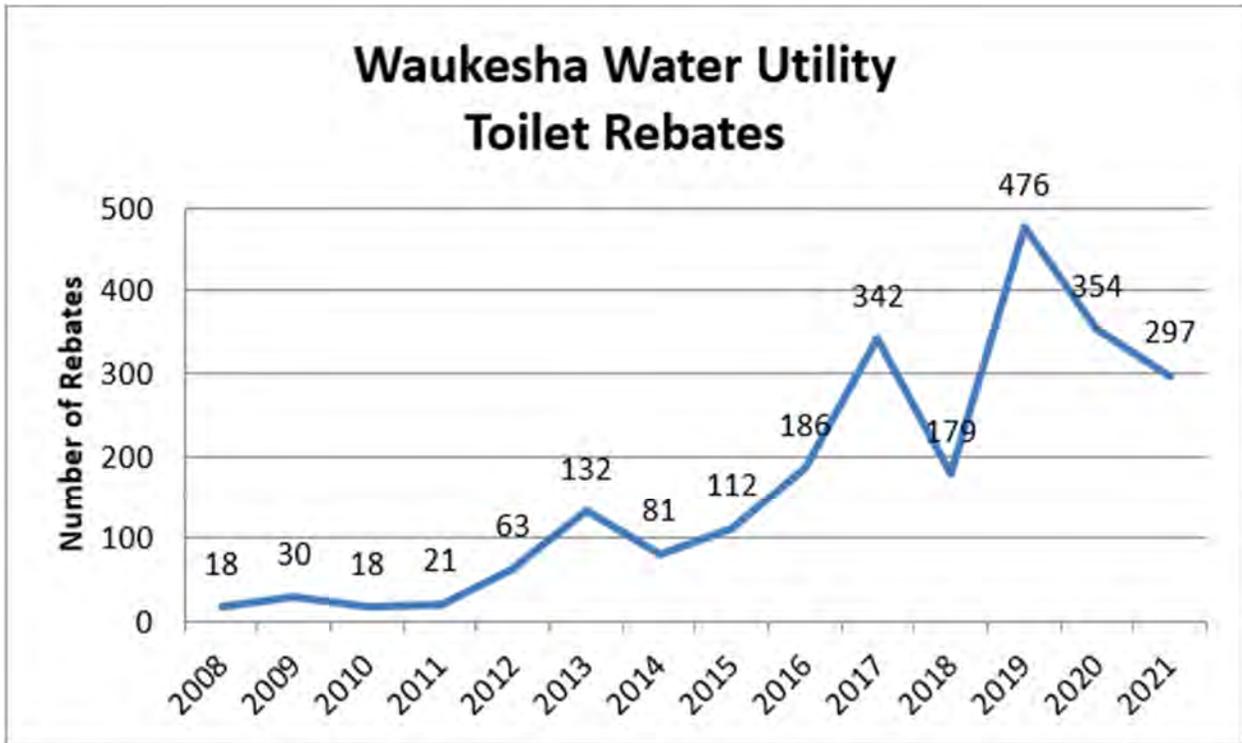
Thank you again for working with the Utility and changing out the water wasting toilets. We appreciate your commitment to conserve water.

Sincerely,

WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY

Mary Adelmeyer
Customer Relations Coordinator

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Historically, the following rebates have been awarded:

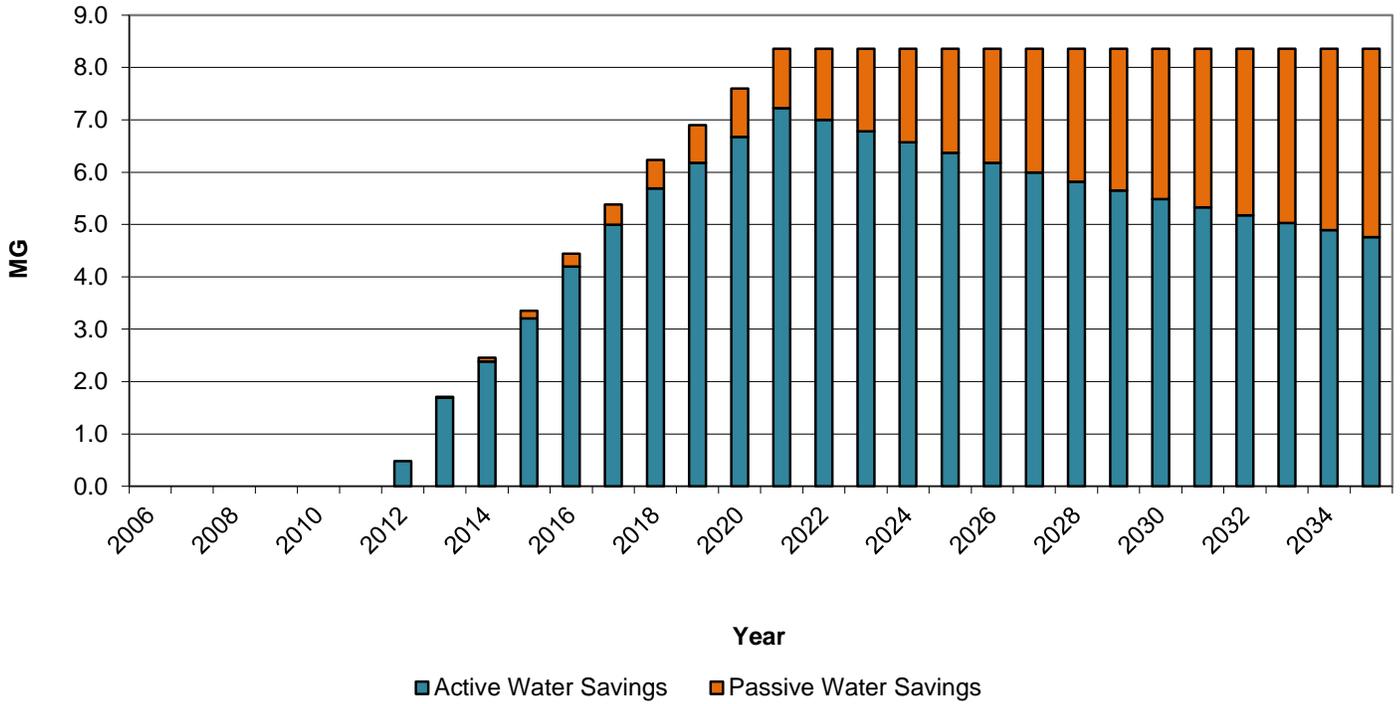
Using the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) Conservation Tracking Tool, the annual cost effectiveness of the program is demonstrated below.

Class	Activity Name	Unit Cost (\$/MG)	PV Cost	Unit Benefit (\$/MG)	PV Benefit	Avoided Supply	Avoided Wastewater	B/C Ratio
Residential	Residential HE Toilets, \$25 Rebate	412.18	8,729.64	1,662.09	35,201.33	19,596.13	15,605.20	4.03
Residential	Residential HE Toilets, \$100 Rebate	661.00	129,946.71	1,921.13	377,679.10	210,557.84	167,121.26	2.91
Commercial	Commercial HE Toilet, Large MF \$100 Rebate	332.55	184,242.96	2,034.30	1,127,053.23	628,704.85	498,348.38	6.12
Industrial	CII Tank-Type HE Toilet, \$50 Rebate (Industrial)	147.91	475.55	1,948.21	6,263.97	3,492.59	2,771.37	13.17

In 2021, \$100 toilet rebates for single-family residences and \$100 rebates for commercial/multifamily buildings were issued. The projected water savings through 2035, for those two rebates, is demonstrated by the graphs on the next page. Projected water savings for past program incentives such as a \$25 residential toilet rebate or \$50 industrial toilet rebates can be found in past annual reports or provided upon request.

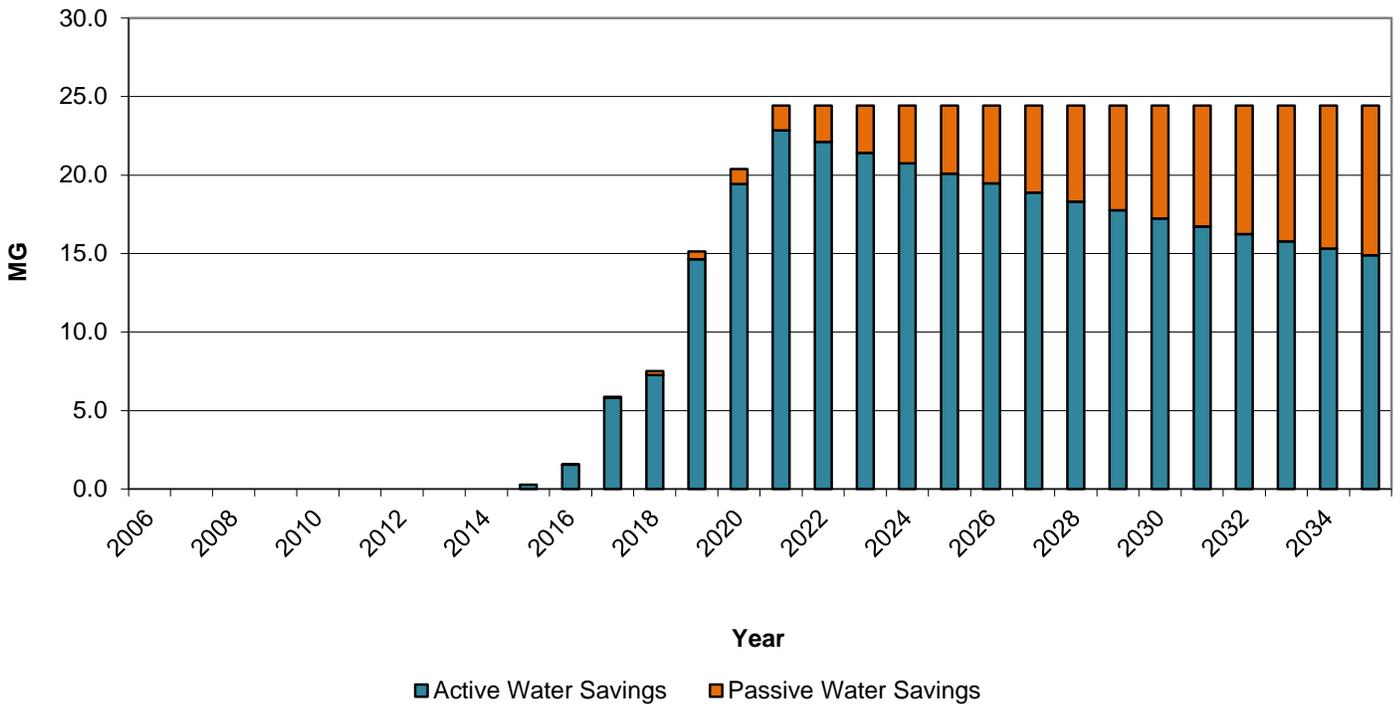
The first graph relates to water saved by the \$100 residential rebates.

Residential HE Toilets, \$100 Rebate Annual Water Savings



The second graph relates to water saved by the \$100 commercial/multifamily toilet rebates.

Commercial HE Toilet, Large MF \$100 Rebate Annual Water Savings





2. Shower Head Rebate Program

In late 2016, the Utility implemented a shower head rebate program. Customers who replace their 1992 or older shower head with a high-efficiency WaterSense shower head would be eligible for a \$25 rebate. In 2021, there were 12 shower head rebates (9 were for residential, 1 was for a two family, and 2 were for a large multi-family).

The residential toilet & showerhead rebate application, along with the large multi-family toilet rebate application, is shown on the following four pages. The advertisements for the rebate programs are shown in the public Education section.



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RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY, DUPLEX, & TRI-PLEX HIGH-EFFICIENCY TOILET & SHOWER HEAD REBATES

<u>\$100 Toilet Rebate</u>	<p>Replace a 1993 or Older (3.5 gpf or more - gallon per flush) toilet with a WaterSense High-Efficiency 1.28 gpf toilet and receive up to a \$100 rebate.</p> <p>(Residential customers can save 9,000 – 11,000 gals. of water/year, depending on family size.)</p>
<u>\$25 Shower Head Rebate</u>	<p>Replace a 1992 or Older shower head with a WaterSense model shower head and receive up to a \$25 rebate.</p> <p>(Residential customers can save approximately 2,900 gals. of water/year, and approximately 300 kwh of electricity annually.)</p>

Customer Eligibility/Program Rules:

If replacing more than 5 toilets, please see Large Multi-Family/Commercial Rebate Application.

1. Rebates are available on first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.
2. **Property where toilet/showerhead is installed is a customer of Waukesha Water Utility.**
3. **High efficiency toilets must replace toilets installed in 1993 or prior.**
4. Shower heads must replace shower heads installed in 1992 or prior.
5. New construction is not eligible.
6. **New toilet/showerhead must have the WaterSense logo (as shown on top of this page).**
7. Applicant must be the owner of the property listed on the rebate application.
8. **An original, unaltered, dated sales receipt listing the make and model numbers, MUST accompany the rebate application.**
9. **A picture showing the YEAR of the original toilet & a picture of the installed toilet is required and needs to be attached to the application in order to receive the rebate.**
10. Applicant agrees and understands that Waukesha Water Utility or its representatives reserve the right to inspect the installation before or after the rebate credit is mailed out.
11. The Utility will withhold the rebate until all conditions are met.
12. Rebates are not available for the costs of installation.
13. **Old toilets/showerheads cannot be reused.**
14. Submit the application materials to the Waukesha Water Utility (address listed above).

Updated Toilet & Shower Head Rebate Application Front Side



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TOILET & SHOWER HEAD REBATE FORM

Please Print & Read All Program Rules, on the Other Side of This Form, Prior to Submitting

NAME: _____		Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Occupant <input type="checkbox"/> Account #: _____
SERVICE ADDRESS (Where toilet/showerhead installed): _____		
MAIL REBATE TO THIS ADDRESS: _____		
CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
PHONE (Day): _____	PHONE (Evening): _____	
EMAIL: _____	Preferred Method of Contact: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone	
How did you hear about this program? _____		

Number of Toilets at this Address:	Number of Toilets Currently Replaced for this Rebate Application:	Number of Showers at this Address:	Number of Showerheads Currently Replaced for this Rebate Application:	Number of persons in Household:

Old Toilet(s) Information: (this information may be found in the toilet tank or under the tank lid.)

Year of old toilet(s): _____ Size, Make, and Model: _____
(sizes) (makes) (model numbers)

Or

Measurement(s) of the height, depth, and width of the water level (when the tank(s) is full)

_____ (height) _____ (depth) _____ (width)

New Toilet/Shower Head Information:

Toilet: Date of purchase: _____ Store where purchased from: _____ Purchase Price: \$ _____

Manufacturer	Model Name	Model Number	Is this a 1.28 gal/flush Toilet? _____
			Is this a WaterSense Toilet? _____
Manufacturer	Model Name	Model Number	Is this a 1.28 gal/flush Toilet? _____
			Is this a WaterSense Toilet? _____

Date(s) installed: _____ Install Cost: \$ _____ Installed by: Do-it yourself Plumber

Shower Head: Date of purchase: _____ Store where purchased from: _____ Price: \$ _____

Manufacturer	Model Name	Model Number	Is this a WaterSense Fixture? _____
			How Many Installed? _____
Manufacturer	Model Name	Model Number	Is this a WaterSense Fixture? _____
			How Many Installed? _____

Date installed: _____ Install Cost: \$ _____ Installed by: Do-it yourself Plumber

I have read and understand the policy as stated in the program guidelines and I agree to a possible site visit by Waukesha Water Utility for installation verification. Reminder: Receipt & Installation Pictures Must Be Attached.

_____ Date

Property Owner Signature



SECTION 1: INCENTIVE INFORMATION

- Please note, you **MUST** receive pre-approval from Waukesha Water Utility prior to beginning any toilet change out project (including removing old toilets, ordering, purchasing, and installing new toilets).
- Large Multi-Family/Commercial Toilet Rebate Incentives will be determined on a case by case basis depending on available funds.
- Incentives are only available for the cost of toilets, not for labor or installation costs.
- The total maximum incentive a customer may receive is up to \$100 per toilet and no more than \$10,000.
- Approval of an incentive entitles the Utility to reference the project in documents that reference its conservation program. This may include an interview with the project staff and/or photos for submission to the Wis. Water Association newsletter, the Waukesha Freeman, the Utility's website, and the annual report to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, etc.
- Incentives are available to help implement projects that otherwise would not be completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled.
- See Section 2 for customer eligibility.

SECTION 2: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this form is to assess pending projects to determine if the project is eligible for a toilet rebate incentive. Funding provided is contingent upon the following requirements and upon receiving all requested documents:

- Customers **MUST** work with the Utility to determine if their project would qualify and then obtain approval (in the form of a Utility-signed Incentive Agreement) prior to removing or purchasing any equipment.
- Property where toilets are installed is a customer of Waukesha Water Utility.
- All toilets need to be inspected before and after installation by the Utility to ensure eligibility.
- High Efficiency toilets must replace toilets installed in 1993 or prior and are at least a 3.5 gpf (gallon per flush) toilet.
- New toilets must be 1.28 gpf WaterSense certified (the WaterSense logo is shown at the top of this Application).
- All toilets need to be installed and inspected no later than November 1st (the same calendar year of the incentive approval).
- All paper work, including the purchase order and original paid receipt, dated on or after the incentive approval date, must be submitted to the Utility no later than November 1st so that the incentive check can be issued by the end of the year.

SECTION 3: CUSTOMER LEGAL INFORMATION

Company Legal Name:		Tax Identification Number (complete ONE only, must be 9 digits): FEIN: _____ OR SSN: _____			
Company Contact Name:		Business Classification of Customer (Check ONE only. Required for all businesses, including non- <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Street Address:		City:		State:	Zip Code:
Owner Name (Corporations excluded):		Phone:	Fax:	Email:	

SECTION 4: PAYMENT INFORMATION (All information is required to receive payment)

Make Incentive Check Payable to (check ONE): Company Name Business Owner's Legal Name (Only if Sole Proprietor)

Make Check to the Attention of:

Alternate Mailing Address (if different from address above):	City:	State:	Zip Code:
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SECTION 5: JOB SITE INFORMATION (Where project will occur)

Job Site Name:		Project Contact Name:		
Job Site Street Address (physical address):		City:	State:	Zip Code:
Project Contact Phone:	Project Contact Fax :	Project Contact E-mail:	Preferred Means of communication: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	
Account #:		Customer #:		

SECTION 6: PROJECT PARAMETERS - project specific information will be held as confidential

Project Description (including costs):

For Multi-Family: How Many Apartment Units Will Have Toilets Changed Out: _____ Number of Toilets/Unit: _____

Address(es) of the Building(s) Where Change Out Will Occur: _____

Year(s) Building(s) Built: _____

For Commercial: Choose Business Type School Food Processing Food Service Lodging Other _____

Healthcare Manufacturing, type _____ Number of Toilets to be Changed Out _____

New Toilet Information:

Toilets to be Purchased From: _____ Price per Toilet: _____

Toilet Manufacturer(s): _____ Model Number(s): _____

Are These New Toilets At Least 1.28 gpf? _____ Are the New Toilets WaterSense Certified? _____

SECTION 7: BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

1. Check which best describes where you are right now with your project:

- Considering project
- Assessing feasibility
- Getting vendor bids and/or savings estimates
- Received management approval
- Started installation

2. Check your reasons for pursuing this project:

- Reduce maintenance costs
- Replace worn out equipment
- Reduce utility costs
- Comply with regulatory equipment
- Achieve company goal or mandate

APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return signed, completed form to:
Mail: Waukesha Water Utility – Incentive Dept. PO BOX 1648 Waukesha, WI 53187-1648
Fax: 262.521.5265 Questions: Call 262-409-4423

Using the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) Conservation Tracking Tool, the annual cost effectiveness of the program is demonstrated below. A B/C Ratio just under 1 indicates that the program currently costs more than the cost of the water saved.

The Utility undertook this program because it was part of the 2012 Conservation Plan. The 2012 plan indicated a larger positive B/C Ratio, but the fixed costs of developing the program were underestimated.

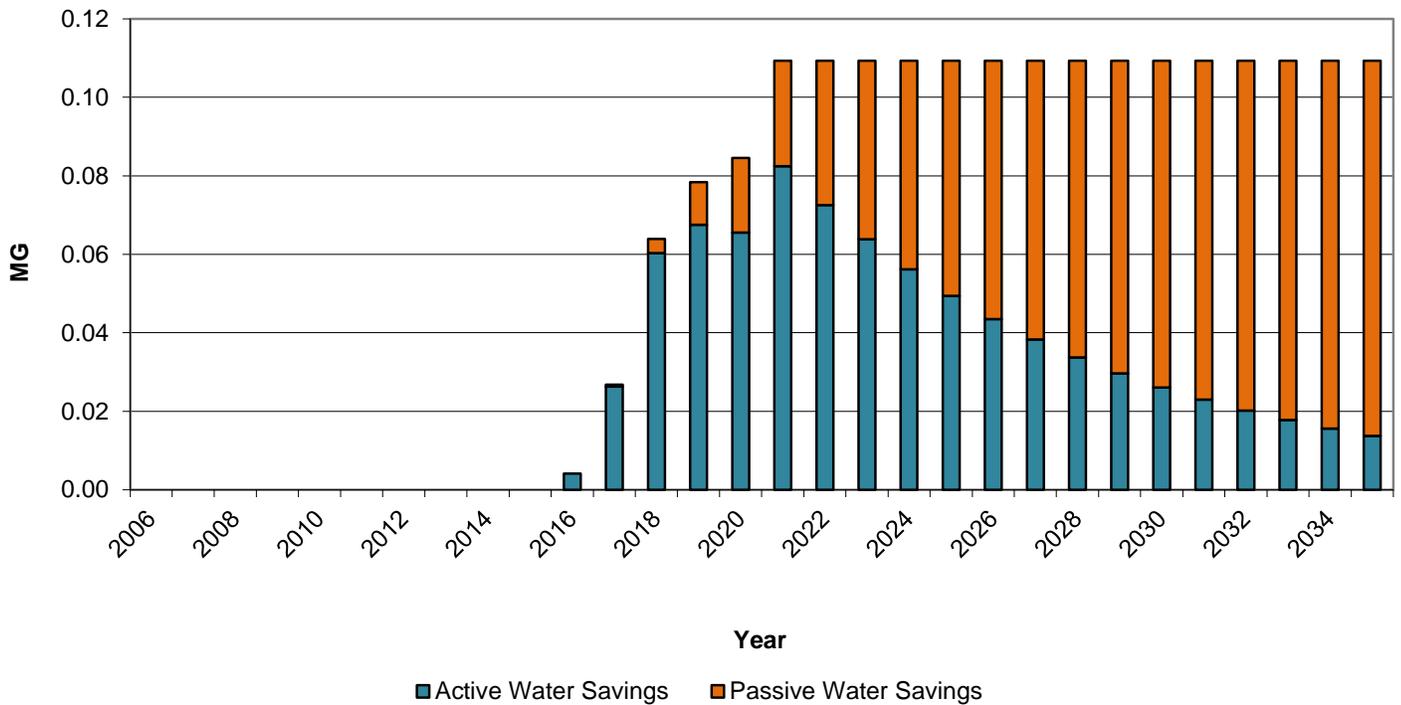
The Utility hopes that as more showerhead programs are implemented, the fixed costs will go down and the program will yield a better ratio.

Still, water is being conserved and that is the ultimate goal of the program.

Class	Activity Name	Unit Cost (\$/MG)	PV Cost	Unit Benefit (\$/MG)	PV Benefit	Avoided Supply	Avoided Wastewater	B/C Ratio
Residential	LF Showerhead	1,360.28	1,128.38	1,159.84	962.11	531.09	431.02	0.85

The projected water savings through 2035 is demonstrated below.

LF Showerhead Annual Water Savings



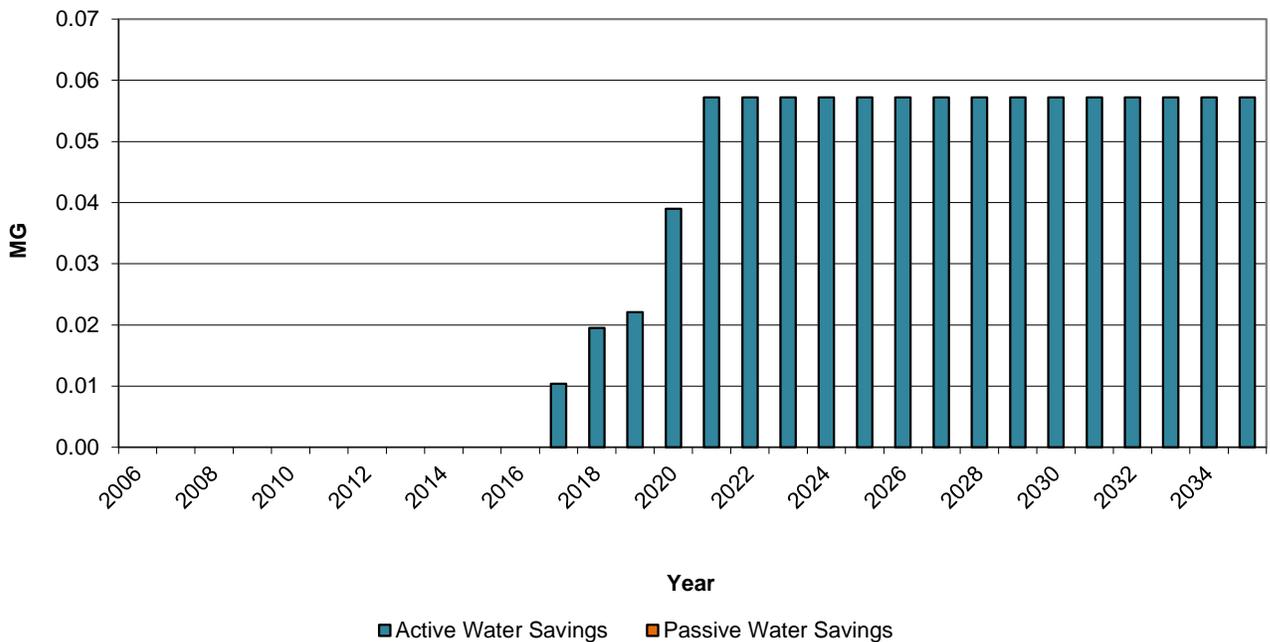


3. Rain Barrel Rebate Program

In May 2017, the Utility implemented a rain barrel rebate program. Customers who purchase and install a qualifying rain barrel, and submit their application with their original receipt and post-installation picture, are eligible for a \$20 rebate. In 2021, there were 14 rain barrel rebates.

The projected water savings through 2035 is demonstrated by the graph below:

Rain Barrel Rebate, \$20 Annual Water Savings



The rain barrel rebate application is shown below. The press release and website information is shown in the Education section.



Waukesha Water Utility
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 Fax: (262) 521-5265

RAIN BARREL \$20 REBATE



- Saves most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the summer.
- Naturally soft, chlorine-free water is great for watering plants and washing windows or cars.

TO QUALIFY

- Rain barrels must be installed in the Waukesha Water Utility's service area.
- Renters may be eligible to participate with the written consent of the property owner.
- Qualifying barrels must be newly purchased, a minimum size of 50 gallons, and designed for the intended purpose of rain capture.
- Homemade rain barrels do not qualify for the rebate.
- Rain barrels must have a secure lid for child safety; and rust-proof screening or sealed designs over the top and on the overflow spigot for mosquito, rodent, and debris control.
- Rain barrels must not be connected to the (potable water) irrigation system.
- The original purchase receipt, that includes the purchase amount and barrel size, must be submitted within 90 days of purchase.
- Post-installation pictures must be included with the application.
- Maximum of 2 rain barrels allowed per address.
- Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.

TIPS FOR INSTALLATION & USE

- **Raise the barrel up on cinder blocks to increase pressure.** (But make sure the barrel is on a level, firm surface to prevent the barrel from falling over – a full 55 gal. barrel weighs over 400 lbs.)
- **Make sure the overflow from the barrel is directed away from your house.**
- **Disconnect the barrel in the winter and turn it upside down or take it inside.** If your downspout has been cut off for the rain barrel, be sure to add an extension hose for the winter.
- **Enclose the top of the barrel, where the water enters the barrel, with a tight-fitting, fine-mesh screen to prevent a nesting site for mosquitoes.**
- **Do not drink the water from your rain barrel.** Water from your roof is not safe to drink, but is fine to water your yard. It is not recommended to water vegetable gardens with your rain barrel.
- **Do not connect the rain barrel to your sprinkler systems or put the hose, which is connected to your house, into the rain barrel, as unintended suction can contaminate the water in your home.** (The best way to prevent this is to only hook a garden hose, or isolated drip irrigation system, to the outlet of your barrel and water your landscape directly.)



**WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY
\$20 RAIN BARREL REBATE APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Owner Occupant Account Number: _____

Service Address (Where rain barrel is installed ~ must be installed in the Waukesha Water Utility service area): _____

Mail Rebate to this Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Evening): _____ Email Address: _____

How Did You Hear About the Rain Barrel Rebate Program?: _____

Number of Rain Barrels at this Address: _____ Number of Rain Barrels for this Rebate Application: _____

Date of Purchase: _____ Store/Place Where Purchased From: _____ Purchased Price: _____

Type of Barrel: _____ Capacity (Gallons): _____ Date Installed: _____
(Brand/Make) (Model Number)

If you are the renter, is the required written consent of the property owner attached: Yes No Or, not required, I am the Property Owner:

Is the required photo attached showing the installed Rain Barrel (on a level, firm surface, under the downspout, with a secure lid): Yes No

Is the required original purchase receipt attached: Yes No

I have read the rain barrel rebate program qualifications, along with the tips for installing and using the rain barrel (on the back of this brochure).

I have all the necessary paperwork and photos attached, and agree to a possible site visit by the Waukesha Water Utility for installation verification.

Signature _____ Date _____



5. Grants for Innovative Site Specific Water Saving Measures

In 2014, Waukesha Water Utility began to support innovative, site specific, water saving measures for non-residential accounts. The program focuses on the replacement of capital assets – incenting organizations to replace equipment with new technology that will conserve water.

In 2021, letters with the Incentive Application were mailed to the top 50 water users in the commercial, public, and industrial sectors. After the letters were mailed out, the Utility received a call and an application from Airgas, LLC, one of our manufacturing companies.

Airgas decided to install a new chiller system to recirculate both compressor and tank area cooling water. This new system will reduce the amount of city water being used in the single-pass cooling process.

Airgas completed the installation of the new chiller in December 2021. The Utility will verify the amount of water saved and calculate the cost/benefit ratio. If warranted, the incentive payout will be sent to Airgas in 2022.

The Utility will continue to promote the business incentive in 2022, as these incentives tend to have the greatest water conservation impact.



Waukesha Water Utility

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June 2021

Re: Water Conservation Incentive Program

To: Whom It May Concern:

Waukesha Water Utility is sending you a reminder about our Conservation Incentive program for non-residential customers. The purpose of the program is to incent organizations to replace equipment with new technology that will conserve water. Incentives are available to help implement those projects.

In order to be eligible for an incentive, the organization must complete a Water Conservation Incentive Application; and receive approval for the project before the new technology is ordered. Waukesha will assess pending projects to determine if the project is eligible for an incentive.

For more information about the program, please refer to the enclosed Incentive Application or visit Waukesha Water Utility's website at www.waukesha-water.com.

For questions, please call Waukesha Water Utility at (262) 409-4423.

Sincerely,

WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY
Customer Service

Enclosure: Water Conservation Incentive Application

SECTION 1: INCENTIVE INFORMATION

Incentives are calculated on a case-by-case basis depending on the application and the size of the facility. See Section 2 for customer eligibility information. Customers must work with the Utility to determine if their project would qualify and then obtain approval (in the form of an Incentive Agreement) prior to purchasing the equipment. Incentives are available to help implement projects that otherwise would not be completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled.

SECTION 2: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this form is to assess pending projects to determine if the project is eligible for a custom incentive. Funding provided through custom incentives is contingent upon the following requirements and upon receiving all requested documents:

- **You MUST receive pre-approval from Waukesha Water Utility prior to beginning any custom projects, including ordering equipment.**
- Custom incentives will not be provided for projects falling under a 1.5 year payback.
- Based on project type, technology and situation, projects may be limited to a maximum simple payback of four to ten years.
- Custom incentives cannot be more than 50 percent of the project cost. Custom incentives that are less than 10% of the project cost may be considered.
- The total maximum incentive a customer may receive for custom projects combined is \$20,000 per calendar year, per EIN.

SECTION 3: CUSTOMER LEGAL INFORMATION

Company Legal Name:		Tax Identification Number (complete ONE only, must be 9 digits): FEIN: _____ OR SSN: _____			
Company Contact Name:		Business Classification of Customer (Check ONE only. Required for all businesses, including non-profits): <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Street Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Owner Name (Corporations excluded):	Phone:	Fax:	Email:		

SECTION 4: PAYMENT INFORMATION (All information is required to receive payment)

Make Incentive Check Payable to (check ONE): Company Name Business Owner's Legal Name (Only if Sole Proprietor)

Make Check to the Attention of:

Alternate Mailing Address (if different from address above):	City:	State:	Zip Code:
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SECTION 5: JOB SITE INFORMATION (Where project will occur)

Job Site Name:		Project Contact Name:		
Job Site Street Address (physical address):		City:	State:	Zip Code:
Project Contact Phone	Project Contact Fax :	Project Contact E-mail:	Preferred Means of communication: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	
Account #:		Customer #:		

Business Type (Check ONE):

- School Food Processing Food Service Lodging Other _____
- Healthcare Manufacturing, type _____

SECTION 6: PROJECT PARAMETERS - project specific information will be held as confidential

Project Description (including costs):

Projected Annual Gallons Saved	3 yr. Average Annual Consumption:	Project Start Date:	Project Completion Date:			
Hours of Operation (i.e. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
_____ to _____	_____ to _____	_____ to _____	_____ to _____	_____ to _____	_____ to _____	_____ to _____

Information on existing equipment, system operation and building operation attached (If available).

Specification sheets and/or project proposals attached (If available).

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APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY:

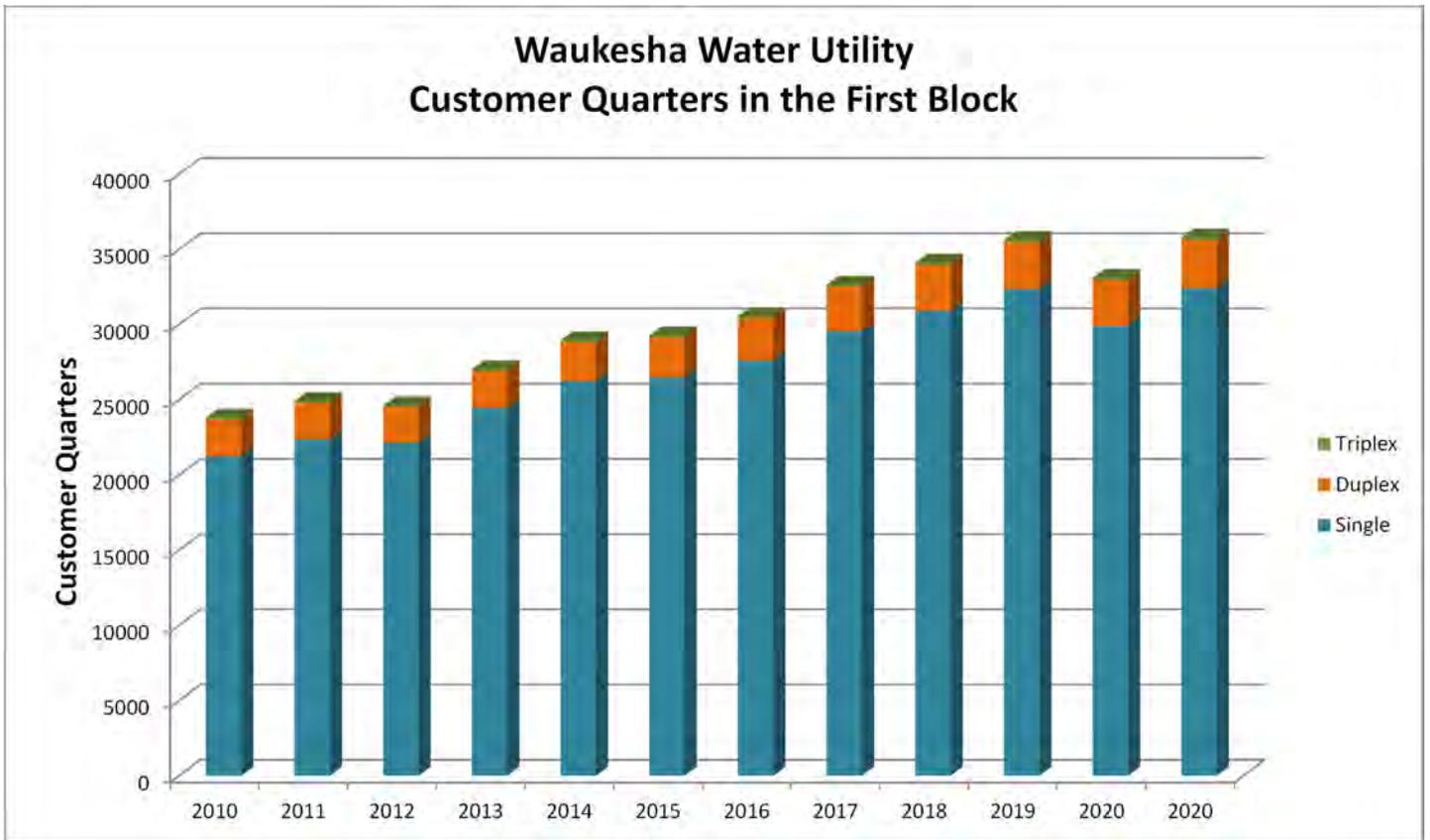
Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

IV. EFFECTS OF WATER RATES STRUCTURE

While the Utility implemented an inclining rate block structure in 2007, it wasn't until 2010 that it had data separated into single, duplex and triplex customers. From 2010 to 2021, with the exception of 2020, the number of customers within the first block has increased. It is assumed that the combination of the rate structure and other conservation measures, such as the installation high-efficient appliances and equipment, are the reason for this trend.



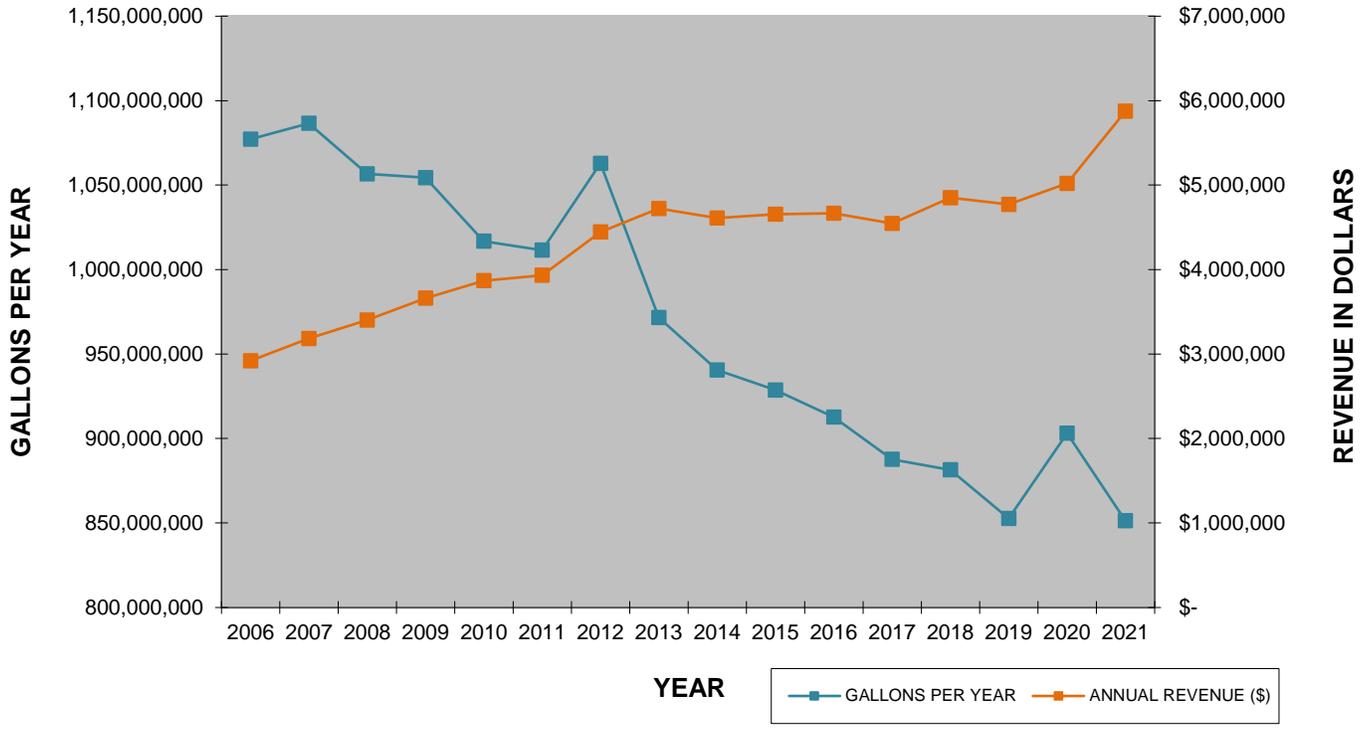
The detailed data, on the next three pages, supplements the consumption history; supplied in previous years' reports. In order to provide a more accurate picture of "# of customers," volumes associated with final reads have been excluded.

Single Family Consumption																				
Interval	2017				2018				2019				2020				2021			
	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%
	Quarter 1				Quarter 1				Quarter 1				Quarter 1				Quarter 1			
0-10,000	7,521	46.5%	47,052,400	25.4%	7,785	47.8%	49,277,700	25.9%	8,063	49.1%	50,909,100	27.8%	8,418	51.0%	52,645,300	29.5%	8,681	52.8%	55,017,200	31.4%
10,001-30,000	8,413	52.0%	127,505,300	68.8%	8,271	50.7%	125,403,200	65.8%	8,125	49.5%	122,727,900	67.1%	7,928	48.0%	118,556,700	66.4%	7,624	46.3%	113,681,800	64.9%
>30,000	249	1.5%	10,734,000	5.8%	246	1.5%	15,850,800	8.3%	225	1.4%	9,396,500	5.1%	174	1.1%	7,308,900	4.1%	150	0.9%	6,454,300	3.7%
Q Total	16,183	100.0%	185,291,700	100.0%	16,302	100.0%	190,531,700	100.0%	16,413	100.0%	183,033,500	100.0%	16,520	100.0%	178,510,900	100.0%	16,455	100.0%	175,153,300	100.0%
	Quarter 2				Quarter 2				Quarter 2				Quarter 2				Quarter 2			
0-10,000	7,862	48.5%	49,685,600	27.2%	8,087	49.5%	51,168,800	27.9%	8,647	52.6%	53,951,400	30.8%	7,606	46.0%	47,441,600	24.7%	7,713	46.7%	49,668,500	26.0%
10,001-30,000	8,106	50.0%	122,668,700	67.3%	8,015	49.1%	121,607,500	66.2%	7,612	46.3%	113,733,100	64.9%	8,661	52.4%	134,096,900	69.8%	8,560	51.8%	131,580,500	69.0%
>30,000	247	1.5%	10,005,600	5.5%	233	1.4%	10,789,800	5.9%	184	1.1%	7,462,000	4.3%	272	1.6%	10,500,100	5.5%	248	1.5%	9,485,300	5.0%
Q Total	16,215	100.0%	182,359,900	100.0%	16,335	100.0%	183,566,100	100.0%	16,443	100.0%	175,146,500	100.0%	16,539	100.0%	192,038,600	100.0%	16,521	100.0%	190,734,300	100.0%
	Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3			
0-10,000	6,792	41.8%	43,901,300	21.0%	6,932	42.4%	44,197,800	21.2%	7,392	44.9%	47,328,300	23.3%	6,334	38.3%	40,092,600	17.6%	7,132	43.1%	46,002,100	21.9%
10,001-30,000	8,893	54.8%	140,510,800	67.3%	8,884	54.3%	140,303,800	67.3%	8,610	52.3%	134,962,500	66.4%	9,483	57.4%	156,563,800	68.7%	8,900	53.8%	141,138,800	67.1%
>30,000	554	3.4%	24,290,900	11.6%	530	3.2%	23,825,600	11.4%	472	2.9%	20,887,900	10.3%	717	4.3%	31,313,400	13.7%	522	3.2%	23,072,900	11.0%
Q Total	16,239	100.0%	208,703,000	100.0%	16,346	100.0%	208,327,200	100.0%	16,474	100.0%	203,178,700	100.0%	16,534	100.0%	227,969,800	100.0%	16,554	100.0%	210,213,800	100.0%
	Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4			
0-10,000	7,390	45.4%	47,228,200	24.2%	8,098	49.4%	51,610,700	28.0%	8,263	50.1%	52,436,200	28.7%	7,571	45.7%	48,448,100	24.7%	8,888	53.7%	56,945,100	32.4%
10,001-30,000	8,486	52.1%	130,856,700	67.1%	8,041	49.1%	121,690,100	66.0%	7,997	48.5%	120,580,800	65.9%	8,711	52.6%	135,330,400	69.1%	7,499	45.3%	112,083,000	63.7%
>30,000	401	2.5%	16,839,200	8.6%	252	1.5%	11,063,900	6.0%	238	1.4%	9,877,100	5.4%	291	1.8%	12,129,300	6.2%	171	1.0%	6,863,900	3.9%
Q Total	16,277	100.0%	194,924,100	100.0%	16,391	100.0%	184,364,700	100.0%	16,498	100.0%	182,894,100	100.0%	16,573	100.0%	195,907,800	100.0%	16,558	100.0%	175,892,000	100.0%
	Annual				Annual				Annual				Annual				Annual			
0-10,000	7,391	45.5%	187,867,500	24.4%	7,726	47.3%	196,255,000	25.6%	8,091	49.2%	204,625,000	27.5%	7,482	45.2%	188,627,600	23.7%	8,104	49.0%	207,632,900	27.6%
10,001-30,000	8,475	52.2%	521,541,500	67.6%	8,303	50.8%	509,004,600	66.4%	8,086	49.1%	492,004,300	66.1%	8,696	52.6%	544,547,800	68.5%	8,146	49.3%	498,484,100	66.3%
>30,000	363	2.2%	61,869,700	8.0%	315	1.9%	61,530,100	8.0%	280	1.7%	47,623,500	6.4%	364	2.2%	61,251,700	7.7%	273	1.7%	45,876,400	6.1%
Total	16,229	100.0%	771,278,700	100.0%	16,344	100.0%	766,789,700	100.0%	16,457	100.0%	744,252,800	100.0%	16,542	100.0%	794,427,100	100.0%	16,522	100.0%	751,993,400	100.0%

Two Family Consumption																
Interval	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			
	# of Customers	% Consumption	%	# of Customers	% Consumption	%	# of Customers	% Consumption	%	# of Customers	% Consumption	%	# of Customers	% Consumption	%	
	Quarter 1			Quarter 1			Quarter 1			Quarter 1			Quarter 1			
0-20,000	729	53.8%	9,374,000	763	56.9%	10,045,100	766	57.6%	9,707,800	809	61.1%	10,214,600	823	64.0%	10,108,500	41.3%
20,001-35,000	470	34.7%	12,415,400	433	32.3%	11,187,700	429	32.2%	11,007,200	400	30.2%	10,297,500	369	28.7%	9,383,800	38.3%
>35,000	157	11.6%	7,214,600	144	10.7%	7,628,900	136	10.2%	6,631,300	114	8.6%	5,559,200	94	7.3%	5,002,400	20.4%
Q Total	1,356	100.0%	29,004,000	1,340	100.0%	28,861,700	1,331	100.0%	27,346,300	1,323	100.0%	26,071,300	1,286	100.0%	24,494,700	100.0%
	Quarter 2			Quarter 2			Quarter 2			Quarter 2			Quarter 2			
0-20,000	745	55.0%	9,499,700	786	58.7%	10,225,400	815	61.4%	10,231,400	771	58.5%	9,892,400	774	60.1%	9,686,100	38.4%
20,001-35,000	469	34.6%	12,085,400	411	30.7%	10,666,400	402	30.3%	10,414,600	411	31.2%	10,563,600	403	31.3%	10,364,000	41.1%
>35,000	140	10.3%	6,228,600	142	10.6%	6,482,800	111	8.4%	5,314,300	136	10.3%	6,894,500	110	8.5%	5,147,600	20.4%
Q Total	1,354	100.0%	27,813,700	1,339	100.0%	27,374,600	1,328	100.0%	25,960,300	1,318	100.0%	27,350,500	1,287	100.0%	25,197,700	100.0%
	Quarter 3			Quarter 3			Quarter 3			Quarter 3			Quarter 3			
0-20,000	715	53.0%	9,462,200	754	56.4%	9,884,700	764	57.6%	9,831,000	695	52.8%	9,198,100	759	59.0%	9,557,400	36.7%
20,001-35,000	470	34.9%	12,318,400	416	31.1%	10,797,500	410	30.9%	10,710,600	451	34.3%	11,807,300	406	31.6%	10,442,000	40.1%
>35,000	163	12.1%	8,100,300	168	12.6%	8,006,500	153	11.5%	7,196,200	170	12.9%	8,443,200	121	9.4%	6,050,700	23.2%
Q Total	1,348	100.0%	29,880,900	1,338	100.0%	28,688,700	1,327	100.0%	27,737,800	1,316	100.0%	29,448,600	1,286	100.0%	26,050,100	100.0%
	Quarter 4			Quarter 4			Quarter 4			Quarter 4			Quarter 4			
0-20,000	759	56.3%	10,137,200	772	57.7%	9,886,500	779	58.5%	9,812,900	748	56.7%	9,619,900	836	65.2%	10,416,400	43.9%
20,001-35,000	451	33.5%	11,783,600	415	31.0%	10,648,300	415	31.2%	10,748,800	442	33.5%	11,526,000	358	27.9%	9,184,400	38.7%
>35,000	137	10.2%	6,996,300	150	11.2%	6,980,600	138	10.4%	6,612,900	129	9.8%	6,679,000	88	6.9%	4,109,100	17.3%
Q Total	1,347	100.0%	28,917,100	1,337	100.0%	27,515,400	1,332	100.0%	27,174,600	1,319	100.0%	27,824,900	1,282	100.0%	23,709,900	100.0%
	Annual			Annual			Annual			Annual			Annual			
0-20,000	737	54.5%	38,473,100	769	57.4%	39,991,700	781	58.7%	39,583,100	756	57.3%	38,925,000	798	62.1%	39,768,400	40.0%
20,001-35,000	465	34.4%	48,602,800	419	31.3%	43,299,900	414	31.1%	42,881,200	426	32.3%	44,194,400	384	29.9%	39,374,200	39.6%
>35,000	149	11.0%	28,539,800	151	11.3%	29,098,800	135	10.1%	25,754,700	137	10.4%	27,575,900	103	8.0%	20,309,800	20.4%
Total	1,351	100.0%	115,615,700	1,339	100.0%	112,390,400	1,330	100.0%	108,219,000	1,319	100.0%	110,695,300	1,285	100.0%	99,452,400	100.0%

Interval	Three Family Consumption																			
	2017				2018				2019				2020				2021			
	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%	# of Customers	%	Consumption	%
	Quarter 1				Quarter 1				Quarter 1				Quarter 1				Quarter 1			
0-20,000	35	46.7%	512,100	27.5%	33	43.4%	456,700	24.7%	31	40.8%	415,200	21.2%	34	44.2%	426,400	25.5%	40	52.6%	527,000	33.3%
20,001-60,000	38	50.7%	1,174,800	63.1%	42	55.3%	1,324,500	71.6%	43	56.6%	1,396,300	71.2%	43	55.8%	1,246,300	74.5%	36	47.4%	1,057,100	66.7%
>60,001	2	2.7%	175,000	9.4%	1	1.3%	69,200	3.7%	2	2.6%	150,500	7.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Q Total	75	100.0%	1,861,900	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,850,400	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,962,000	100.0%	77	100.0%	1,672,700	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,584,100	100.0%
	Quarter 2				Quarter 2				Quarter 2				Quarter 2				Quarter 2			
0-20,000	33	44.0%	475,900	28.1%	35	46.7%	513,400	28.5%	34	44.2%	437,500	24.4%	29	37.7%	390,600	17.7%	39	51.3%	534,900	30.1%
20,001-60,000	42	56.0%	1,216,900	71.9%	40	53.3%	1,288,800	71.5%	43	55.8%	1,355,000	75.6%	46	59.7%	1,387,500	62.9%	36	47.4%	1,148,800	64.7%
>60,001	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1	1.3%	92,900	5.2%
Q Total	75	100.0%	1,692,800	100.0%	75	100.0%	1,802,200	100.0%	77	100.0%	1,792,500	100.0%	77	100.0%	2,207,200	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,776,600	100.0%
	Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3				Quarter 3			
0-20,000	24	31.6%	316,200	17.0%	30	39.5%	406,200	20.4%	31	40.3%	376,200	18.0%	31	39.7%	410,000	14.6%	39	51.3%	520,800	29.8%
20,001-60,000	52	68.4%	1,548,800	83.0%	43	56.6%	1,339,900	67.3%	44	57.1%	1,336,800	63.8%	44	56.4%	1,509,300	53.8%	36	47.4%	1,140,800	65.3%
>60,001	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3	3.9%	245,300	12.3%	2	2.6%	382,600	18.3%	3	3.8%	887,300	31.6%	1	1.3%	84,500	4.8%
Q Total	76	100.0%	1,865,000	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,991,400	100.0%	77	100.0%	2,095,600	100.0%	78	100.0%	2,806,600	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,746,100	100.0%
	Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4				Quarter 4			
0-20,000	31	40.8%	430,300	22.3%	27	36.0%	363,900	17.8%	31	41.3%	418,400	21.1%	38	50.7%	551,300	25.6%	43	56.6%	524,900	34.9%
20,001-60,000	44	57.9%	1,440,400	74.6%	44	58.7%	1,336,000	65.3%	43	57.3%	1,384,700	70.0%	35	46.7%	1,109,800	51.6%	33	43.4%	977,100	65.1%
>60,001	1	1.3%	60,500	3.1%	4	5.3%	345,800	16.9%	1	1.3%	175,400	8.9%	2	2.7%	490,500	22.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Q Total	76	100.0%	1,931,200	100.0%	75	100.0%	2,045,700	100.0%	75	100.0%	1,978,500	100.0%	75	100.0%	2,151,600	100.0%	76	100.0%	1,502,000	100.0%
	Annual				Annual				Annual				Annual				Annual			
0-20,000	31	40.7%	1,734,500	23.6%	31	41.4%	1,740,200	22.6%	32	41.6%	1,647,300	21.0%	33	43.0%	1,778,300	20.1%	40	53.0%	2,107,600	31.9%
20,001-60,000	44	58.3%	5,380,900	73.2%	42	56.0%	5,289,200	68.8%	43	56.7%	5,472,800	69.9%	42	54.7%	5,252,900	59.4%	35	46.4%	4,323,800	65.4%
>60,001	1	1.0%	235,500	3.2%	2	2.6%	660,300	8.6%	1	1.6%	708,500	9.1%	2	2.3%	1,806,900	20.4%	1	0.7%	177,400	2.7%
Total	76	100.0%	7,350,900	100.0%	76	100.0%	7,689,700	100.0%	76	100.0%	7,828,600	100.0%	77	100.0%	8,838,100	100.0%	76	100.0%	6,608,800	100.0%

RESIDENTIAL WATER USE AND REVENUE 2006-2021



A review of residential revenue and gallons billed indicates that, in general, the Utility has done a good job of using the rate making process to offset the decrease in revenue that would come from fewer gallons consumed.

V. CONSERVATION EFFICIENCY MEASURES - NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Commercial, Industrial and Public rates were set in 2012 with declining blocks.

In February 2021, the Utility had a rate increase approved by the PSC, and also transitioned to monthly billing. Below are the adjusted consumptions and updated rates.

Rates per 1,000 Gallons February 9, 2021	
Gallons	Commercial, Industrial, Public
0 - 25,000	\$4.36
25,001 - 500,000	\$4.11
Over 500,000	\$3.63

As seen below, there appears to be enough variation in consumption within the classes to question whether the structure is affecting utilization. Anecdotally, consumption seems to move with the economy and the weather.

Metered Usage for Non-Residential							
Billing Class	2015 (Gallons)	2016 (Gallons)	2017 (Gallons)	2018 (Gallons)	2019 (Gallons)	2020 (Gallons)	2021 (Gallons)
Commercial	774,316,900	763,290,200	729,873,000	707,267,000	696,184,000	663,605,300	706,398,800
Industrial	262,476,500	237,069,700	232,668,900	230,557,100	220,675,300	161,293,500	137,807,900
Public	99,075,700	83,040,900	72,384,600	67,338,800	65,913,900	47,756,950	62,240,450
Irrigation	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,447,476	2,879,000	6,206,500	11,538,200

Therefore the Utility uses efforts, other than the rate structure, to incent conservation.

To bolster the rate increase, the Utility has additional conservation programs that affect Non-Residential customers and all customer classes. The additional programs include the following:

1. Monthly Billing (for all customer classes)
2. Irrigation Rates (for all customer classes)
3. Sprinkling Ordinance (for all customer classes)
4. Irrigation Ordinance (for all customer classes)
5. Sewer Ordinance Change (for all customer classes)
6. Yard Sign Campaign (for all customer classes)
7. Waukesha Rain Barrel Promotion Program (for all customer classes)
8. Outdoor Conservation Tips (for all customer classes)
9. Pre-rinsed Spray Valves (for non-residential classes)
10. Why it's Important To Conserve & What You Can Do (for all customer classes)
11. How Much Water Do You Use? & Things to do to Lower Your Bill (all customer classes)
12. Program on Finding & Fixing Leaks (for all customers)
13. Web Based Consumption History and Comparisons Available (for all customers)
14. Audit Program (for residential & non-residential customers)

1. Monthly Billing

In the spring of 2021, the Utility switched to monthly billing for all customers classes. Previously, large industrial customers were billed monthly, while all other customers were billed quarterly. Most ratepayers prefer monthly billing because it's easier to budget with other monthly expenses. In addition, monthly billing helps users conserve water because monthly bills give customers more timely information about their water usage, alerting them to overuse due to watering or leaks. A copy of the Press Release is shown below.



For Immediate Release
February 12, 2021

For more information, please contact:
Dan Duchniak, General Manager
Waukesha Water Utility
(262) 521-5272
dduchniak@waukesha-water.com

Waukesha water bills will switch to monthly this spring

Change aligns with typical household budgets

Waukesha will switch from quarterly to monthly water bills this spring for residential customers of the water and wastewater utilities.

"Most ratepayers prefer monthly bills because they align with household budgets for other expenses," according to Dan Duchniak, general manager of the Waukesha Water Utility. "It also will help users conserve water. Monthly bills will give customers more timely information about their water use, alerting them to overuse due to watering or leaks."

The utility is mailing postcards to residential customers to explain the timing of the change. "Each month, we currently send three-month bills to a third of our customers," Duchniak said. "Depending on which of the three groups you are in, the dates for the transition will be different. The postcard will tell you the dates for your address."

Duchniak said it is important to note that the first monthly bill will be for more than 30 days, however. "Because of the differences in the time between your last quarterly bill and your first monthly bill, that first bill will cover between 50 and 80 days of usage, depending on your group" he said. "After that, the bills will cover just a one-month period."

Customers who use the automatic payment option will have payments withdrawn on the 15th of each month.

Waukesha has begun construction on its Great Water Alliance project, which will switch the city to a Lake Michigan water supply in 2023. Its current groundwater supply is severely depleted and contaminated with radium.

"Every city needs a safe and reliable water supply. The Lake Michigan project will meet that critical infrastructure need in Waukesha. Rate increases will be needed, but we are committed to keeping the costs as affordable as possible," Duchniak said. Average residential bills for water supply, wastewater and return flow charges are expected to be about \$90 per month by the end of 2021.

Additional information on rate increases, construction routes and more can be found at www.greatwateralliance.com/in-your-area.

Utility Switching to Monthly Billing
Press Release

2. Irrigation Rates

Effective December 1, 2017, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) approved our application to offer Irrigation Rates to our customers.

The irrigation rates were designed with two goals in mind. First, to bill for water used outside that is not collected into the sewer system. Second, to encourage conservation of a limited resource.

In 2021, the volumetric rate was increased to \$6.90 per thousand gallons; and the Utility received 5 applications for irrigation meters.

A copy of the Irrigation Application, with all of its attachments, is shown on the following pages.

Telephone: (262) 521-5272 • Fax: (262) 521-5265 • E-mail: contactus@waukesha-water.com

Re: Irrigation Meter

Dear Customer:

This letter is regarding your inquiry into an irrigation meter for your property. If you are interested in the installation of an irrigation meter, please review the instructions, complete the enclosed application, and return it to the Waukesha Water Utility with a check for \$130.00 for each irrigation meter you would like to install. Please note that in order to complete the application, you will need to obtain a plumbing permit. The permit can be obtained at City Hall.

Also, when considering an irrigation meter, please remember that the city of Waukesha has a Sprinkling Ordinance. Every year, beginning May 1st – October 1st, addresses ending in an Odd number, may only water on Tuesdays & Saturdays (before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.); addresses ending in an Even number, may only water on Thursdays & Sundays (before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.). If you have an automatic sprinkling system, please be sure to schedule the sprinkling times appropriately.

The billing rates for an irrigation meter, effective on February 1, 2021, are as follows:

Quarterly Charges			
Meter Size	\$	Meter Size	\$
5/8"	\$32.01	3"	\$237.00
3/4"	\$32.01	4"	\$321.00
1"	\$53.34	6"	\$519.00
1 ¼"	\$78.24	8"	\$789.00
1 ½"	\$88.89	10"	\$1,140.00
2"	\$138.69	12"	\$1,395.00
Volumetric Charge		\$6.90 per 1,000 gallons	

If you have any further questions, please call us at (262) 521-5272 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Waukesha Water Utility



Waukesha Water Utility

IRRIGATION METER

In order to install an irrigation meter and radio, please do the following:

- 1. Obtain a plumbing permit from City Hall**
Plumbing permits are issued by the Building Inspector. They may be obtained in room 200 in the City Hall at 201 Delafield St. The office is open from 8:00 to 4:30. The telephone is (262) 524-3750.
- 2. Complete the attached application**
You may need to work with a plumber or our customer service staff to complete the application. Please be aware that you will receive a separate bill for this meter.
- 3. Pay the application fee (\$130)**
The fee is paid at the Water Utility. It covers the time our engineering staff spends to ensure that the meter will be the appropriate size to meet your needs from information supplied by you or your plumber. It also covers the administrative time spent processing the application. Finally, it covers the time our field crew will spend installing the meter and radio at the premises.
- 4. Install the fixtures for the irrigation meter**
Whether you intend to do-it-yourself or hire a plumber, the pipes, meter valve, and the copperhorn for the meter must be installed according to the attached specifications. The materials must also be in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code. Because you pay for all of these materials and work, you will own all of this plumbing.
- 5. Set an appointment with the Water Utility to install the meter and radio**
To have the meter installed, please call Customer Service at (262) 521-5272. You will want to make this appointment at least a week in advance, especially if you want to coordinate the work so that it gets done on the same day that a plumber is present. The Water Utility owns, operates and maintains only the meter and the radio. If your installation of the meter and radio requires additional hardware, you will be invoiced for that additional hardware.
- 6. Schedule your sprinkling times according to Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance**
Every year, beginning May 1st – October 1st, Waukesha has the following Sprinkling Ordinance: addresses ending in an Odd number, may only water on Tuesdays & Saturdays (before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.); addresses ending in an Even number, may only water on Thursdays & Sundays (before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.). If you have an automatic sprinkling system, please be sure to schedule the sprinkling times appropriately.

115 Delafield Street
P.O. Box 1648
Waukesha, WI 53187-1648

Questions regarding the application process: (262) 521-5272

Fax Number: (262) 521-5265

Instruction Sheet for Irrigation Meters



Waukesha Water Utility

APPLICATION FOR IRRIGATION METER

1. Property Address _____
 2. Building Type Single Family Duplex Triplex Apartment (> 4 units) Condo
 3. Owner's Name _____ Phone _____
 4. Owner's Address _____
 5. Plumber's Name _____ Phone _____
 6. Plumber's Address _____
 7. Please list the number of water using devices that will be measured by this meter
 ¾" Garden Hose ½" Garden Hose Underground Sprinkler
 8. Gallons per minute needed _____
 9. City Plumbing Permit # _____
 10. Who is responsible for payment? Owner Plumber
 11. Are you aware of Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance (as explained in the cover letter)? Yes No
- Signature _____ Date _____

Irrigation Meter Application Form



IRRIGATION METER SPECIFICATIONS



Installation of a 5/8 inch irrigation meter

NOTE 1: Copperhorns shall comply with ANSI/AWWA C-800, have a lead free brass body with copper arms and swivel connections manufactured by Ford in the following sizes.

Meter Size	Copperhorn
5/8"	No. 1 provided with union nuts
3/4"	No. 3 provided with union nuts
1 "	No. 4 provided with union nuts

NOTE 2: The Utility will install the meter valve and the copperhorn upon the request of the applicant. The cost will be billed to the applicant as outlined in the current Waukesha Water Utility Fee Schedule.

NOTE 3: The Utility Rules and Regulations Manual requires a four foot clearance around the meter.

NOTE 4: All brass must be lead free.

NOTE 5: The Utility will replace (at the cost of the applicant) any copperhorn or valve that does not comply with the specifications, above.

NOTE 6: Certified vacuum breakers shall be installed at each hose bib.

NOTE 7: Fixtures serving, and served by, the irrigation should be separately labeled.

In addition to the Irrigation Rates, the Utility also uses the next seven programs to encourage conservation during the summer months.

There is a discussion of each of these tools below; followed by data that demonstrates the efficacy of the Utility's approach.

3. Sprinkling Ordinance

City Ordinance 13.11 was enacted in 2006 and applies to all customers in Waukesha. The ordinance is in effect from May 1 to Oct 1 each year. This ordinance bans all sprinkling during the daytime hours of 9 AM to 5 PM during the stated time period. Customers are allowed to irrigate two days a week according to their address.

A brochure that explains the ordinance is placed at several public locations.



Brochure Outside



Brochure Inside

In addition to the Sprinkling Ordinance brochure, a **Bill Message** is placed on a monthly bill and **Bill Stuffers** are sent to all customers each year to remind customers of the Ordinance.

**City of Waukesha's
Annual Sprinkling Ordinance
May 1st - October 1st**

Addresses Ending With An	May Water On The Following Days	During These Hours
Odd Number	Tuesdays & Saturdays	Before 9 am or After 5 pm
Even Number	Thursdays & Sundays	Before 9 am or After 5 pm

Hand watering may be done any day at any time.

Enforcement: Warnings will be given for the first watering violation. Subsequent offenses will result in fines as per Ordinance. Violations may be reported anonymously at (262) 521-5272.

Save Money & Mow Less: Join "My Brown Lawn is GREEN" campaign. Since established lawns go dormant in the summer and turn green again with the autumn rain, watering the grass is unnecessary.

Front Side

Did you know...

- ◆ If you replace your old water guzzling toilet (3.5 gallon or more) with a 1.28 gpf (gallons per flush) WaterSense toilet, you may be eligible to receive a rebate from the Water Utility.
- ◆ You can purchase rain barrels through the Waukesha School District's Environmental Education Department (262-970-4333) or Retzer Nature Center (262-896-8007). Capturing rain water not only saves you money but is better for your garden, lawn, and plants because the water is not chlorinated.
- ◆ It is not necessary to water the lawn. It is natural for lawns to turn brown in the hottest months. The lawn doesn't die, it just goes dormant. The green lawn will return with the autumn rain.
- ◆ Toilets should be checked for leaks at least twice a year because they are one of the most common places where leaks occur. Hundreds of gallons of water per day can be wasted. Free Leak Detection Dye Tablets are available at the Utility.
- ◆ Dripping faucets are usually easily and inexpensively repaired by replacing the washer inside the handle. Check both internal and external faucets for leaks. See our website for videos on how to fix leaks.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/waterhome

Back Side

Street signs, alerting the public to the Ordinance, have been placed on every major street and reminders are placed in **local papers** (as seen on the next page).



Fines are approved and in place for violations to this Ordinance, as follows:

1 st Citation	\$172
2 nd Citation	\$298
3 rd Citation	\$424
4 th Citation	\$676

Before citations are issued, **Notices are sent to violators** to encourage them to comply. In 2021, due to the amount of rainfall this past year, the lawns remained green until the end of September and early October, and there was 1 violator reported to us.



Waukesha Water Utility

SERVING WAUKESHA SINCE 1886

115 DELAFIELD STREET
WAUKESHA, WI 53188-3615

Telephone: (262) 521-5272 • Fax: (262) 521-5265 • E-mail: contactus@waukesha-water.com

For Immediate Release

Press Release

May 2021 - With the arrival of warmer weather, the Waukesha Water Utility would like to remind city residents of the annual Sprinkling Ordinance in effect from May 1st – October 1st.

Odd-numbered street addresses may water on Tuesdays and Saturdays prior to 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

Even-numbered street addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays prior to 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

A hand-held watering can, container, or hose may be used at any time to water gardens, trees, or shrubs, but only if the water device is utilized manually and not left unattended.

The City developed the sprinkling ordinance as part of an ongoing water conservation program. Additional water conservation is needed to protect local water resources and reduce demand during peak hours. The City is requiring customers to refrain from watering during daytime hours, when up to 40% of the water applied by a sprinkler can be lost to evaporation.

To help with the sprinkling, a \$20 rebate for rain barrels is available for Waukesha Water Utility customers.

For additional information on the sprinkling ordinance and rebates, please visit the Water Utility's website at www.waukesha-water.com/conservation.html or phone the Utility at (262) 521-5272.

Sprinkling Ordinance Press Release



Waukesha Water Utility

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WAUKESHA, WI 53188-3615

Telephone: (262) 521-5272 • Fax: (262) 521-5265 • E-mail: contactus@waukesha-water.com

Re: Sprinkling Violation at

Dear Water Utility Customer:

It has been observed that you have been sprinkling at your property during unauthorized periods, specifically on

Conservation Ordinance #20-06, Chapter 13.11 of the City Municipal Code was passed by the Waukesha Common Council in April 2006 which restricts the days and times for outdoor water sprinkling. These restrictions are in effect Annually from May 1st through October 1st, and are as follows:

Addresses ending with an Odd Number may water on Tuesdays and Saturdays, before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.

Addresses ending with an Even Number may water on Thursdays and Sundays, before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.

Please adjust your sprinkling times to coordinate with the days and times that are applicable to your address; and please adjust your sprinklers so that they are not watering the sidewalks or driveway.

Enclosed is a brochure to help answer any questions you may have. If you would like additional information, please contact the Waukesha Water Utility at 262-521-5272.

We appreciate your prompt response and your assistance in helping protect and maintain our water supplies for the future.

Sincerely,

WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY
Customer Service

Violation Letter



Department Home

Customer Service

New Water Supply Program

Utility and Commission

Conservation

Sprinkling Ordinance

[City Ordinance 13.11](#) applies to all customers in Waukesha and is in effect from May 1 to October 1 each year.

City of Waukesha's Annual Sprinkling Ordinance May 1st - October 1st		
Addresses Ending With An	May Water On The Following Days	During These Hours
Odd Number	Tuesdays & Saturdays	Before 9 am or After 5 pm
Even Number	Thursdays & Sundays	Before 9 am or After 5 pm

Hand watering may be done any day at any time.

Enforcement: Warnings will be given for the first watering violation. Subsequent offenses will result in fines as per Ordinance. Violations may be reported anonymously at (262) 521-3272.

Save Money & More Love Our My Green Lawn is GREEN! campaign: Save established lawns go dormant in the summer and turn green again with the autumn rain, watering the grass is unnecessary.

Sprinkling Tips

- Established lawns need only one inch of water per week.
- Place a tuna can or small container outside to measure this amount.
- Set a timer as a reminder to move sprinklers.
- Water before 8:00 a.m. - this will limit the amount of water lost to evaporation.
- Avoid watering at night - this will reduce the chance of lawn diseases.
- Raise your lawn mower blade to at least three inches, or to its highest level - this will provide protection to the roots and allow moisture to remain in the soil.
- Avoid over fertilizing - fertilizers increase the need for water.
- Purchase a slow release, water-insoluble form of nitrogen for your fertilizing needs.
- Do not water on windy days.
- Position sprinklers to avoid watering the roof, driveway, sidewalk, or street.
- Use sprinklers that have larger holes - water evaporates faster with sprinklers that spray a fine mist.
- Use drip irrigation systems for plants, trees, shrubs, and vegetable gardens. Or use soaker hoses but turn them upside down (so that holes are on the bottom). This will also help prevent evaporation.



Sprinkling Ordinance & Tips Posted on the Website

WaterSense®



4. Landscape Irrigation System Ordinance

In May of 2015, the Utility adopted an Ordinance to ensure that all Landscape Irrigation Systems in the City of Waukesha are designed, installed, maintained, altered, and operated in a manner that prevents the waste of water, promotes the most efficient usage of water, controls erosion, and applies the minimum amount of water required to maintain healthy individual plants. The ordinance can be found at:

http://waukesha-water.com/downloads/PressReleases/Irrigation_Ordinance_Final_10_15_15.pdf

In addition to conservation minded landscape design, the Ordinance mandates the use of a WaterSense labeled controller, which can save a home between 30-50% on its summer water bills, and reduces landscape run off by as much as 71%.

The City's Inspector's office performs the plan review, issues the permit, and retains the records surrounding the installation of the systems. The Utility educates the public about the Ordinance and provides the Inspector's office with the permitting forms.

In 2021, there were 3 permits issued.

Copies of the application, instructions and contractor certificate can be found on the next pages.



CITY OF WAUKESHA
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- BUILDING INSPECTION
 201 DELAFIELD STREET * WAUKESHA, WI 53188 * (262) 524-3530

PERMIT NO: _____

APPLICATION FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM PERMIT

Owner _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Job Address (if different) _____

Contractor _____ License (if applicable) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Single Family 2 Family 3 Family Multi Family Commercial Industrial Public

Fixtures	Type	Quantity
Backflow Preventer	Annual Inspection Required Y N	
Irrigation Controller	WaterSense Labeled Y N Provide Cut Sheet	

Estimated System Cost _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

The nonrefundable permit fee of \$50.00 and the applicable plan review fee per approved fee schedule was collected, and the permit is hereby approved.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

White Copy – Contractor Yellow Copy – Owner Pink Copy – City of Waukesha, Building Inspector

This form is also available online at <http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/office/building/FORMS.htm>

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Application for Irrigation System Permit

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM PERMIT

City of Waukesha Ordinance 19.175 requires that a permit be issued before an irrigation system may be installed, materially altered, or completely replaced. The purpose of this ordinance is to require all irrigation systems to be installed, materially altered, or completely replaced in a manner that is consistent with the City's water conservation goals. Systems shall prevent the waste of water, control erosion, promote the most efficient use of water, and apply the least amount of water that is required to maintain healthy individual plant material.

The Ordinance, available at <http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/web/quest/chapter19>, outlines the features required of irrigation systems, and the procedures required when the system is turned over to the owner.

A permit must be issued before the work commences.

The contractor shall prepare an irrigation plan to scale for each site where a new irrigation system will be installed or altered. Plans shall:

1. Be drawn to scale and indicate the scale used.
2. Include the name and dated signature of the designer.
2. Designate the location of the parcel.
3. Depict both areas to be and not to be irrigated within the parcel.
4. Reveal the major physical features and boundaries of the areas to be watered.
5. Indicate the location and type of each:
 - water source, backflow prevention device, controller, sensor, and electrical splice.
 - water emission device, including, but not limited to, spray heads, rotary sprinklers, quick couplers, bubblers, drip, or micro sprays.
 - valve, including but not limited to, zone valves, station solenoid valves, automatic master valve, and isolation valve.

Back flow preventers are required to be installed by licensed plumbers.

All systems subject to the ordinance must include a WaterSense labeled Irrigation Controller. A list of controllers is available at http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product_search.html?Category=5. A cut sheet of the controller must be submitted with the application.

The permit fee is due at the time of application and is nonrefundable.

The application must be submitted to Building Inspection. The review may take as many as 10 business days before a permit can be issued.

Upon completion of the system, the Contractor must review the Contractor Certificate specified in the ordinance and secure the owner's signature. A copy of the signed Contractor Certificate shall be sent to the Department.

Failure to follow these instructions subjects the violator to the fines specified in the ordinance.

This form is also available online at <http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/deot/building/FORMS.htm>

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PERMIT NO: _____

**IRRIGATION SYSTEM
CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATE**

Within 30 days of completion of the installation of the System, the Contractor shall:

- complete and deliver this signed and dated Certificate to the Owner
- deliver a fully signed copy to the Department

I, _____, installed an Irrigation System installed at
Name of Contractor

_____, and certify that I have:
Installation Address

(Check those that apply)

- Installed the System in accordance with all applicable ordinances, statutes, codes, rules and regulations; confirmed the correct operation of the entire System; and confirmed that the System has been installed substantially according to the Irrigation Plan and all terms and conditions of the permit.
- Provided the Owner with a copy of the Irrigation Plan indicating the System, as built.
- Performed a final walk-through with the Owner to explain the operation of the System.
- Supplied the Owner with the manufacturers' manuals for the controller and other components of the System.
- Supplied the Owner with a list of System components that require maintenance, and the recommended frequency for maintenance.
- Informed the Owner of their responsibility to drain the System before November 1st of each year.

Contractor's Signature

Date

Owner's Signature

Date

White Copy – Contractor Yellow Copy – Owner Pink Copy – City of Waukesha, Building Inspector

This form is also available online at <http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/decd/building/FORMS.htm>

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5. **Sewer Ordinance Change** (Sprinkling Credit Meters)

In 2016, Waukesha's Sewer Credit Meter Ordinance was revised to better support Waukesha's water conservation efforts. Prior to the Ordinance change, customers who had a sewer credit meter could have their wastewater charges reduced by the amount of water used outdoors.

However, in order to eliminate water use activities that are considered non-essential, such as outdoor water use, the Utility decided to phase out sewer credit meters. Sewer credit meters installed prior to December 31, 2016, will expire seven years from the date they were installed, and they will no longer receive a credit.

In 2021, the Utility mailed letters to 36 customers who reached their 7 year phase out period. These letters informed customers that their sewer credit will be discontinued. There are 70 residential sewer credit accounts remaining.

A copy of the letter is shown on the following page.



Waukesha Water Utility

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Waukesha, WI 53187-1648

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Telephone: (262) 521-5272 • Fax: (262) 521-5265 • E-mail: [contactus@waukesha-water.com](mailto:contactus@waukesha-water.com)

January 27, 2021

RE: Sewer Credit Ordinance Change

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The City updated its Sewer Credit Ordinance to sunset the use of sewer credit meters. The ordinance was changed to ultimately support the Water Utility's water conservation efforts, but also, to allow customers to recover the cost of buying and installing a sewer credit meter. On average, a homeowner is able to recover these costs in seven years.

You are being contacted as the related meter on your property has been in use for seven years.

You have until **March 10, 2021**, to provide a final reading from your sewer credit meter. That reading will be used to calculate the last sewer credit that you are entitled to. You may send in a meter card or phone in a reading.

The sewer credit meter is customer owned but does not need to be removed. The Water Utility will "disconnect" the meter in our records. As a result, your bill will no longer be reduced by the value of the water that passes through your sewer credit meter.

Please keep in mind that Waukesha's water conservation program is an important factor leading to its ability to secure water from Lake Michigan. This change is aimed at reducing water use for activities that are considered non-essential.

We understand how these changes affect you. Please consider changing how you use the water that was passing through your sewer credit meter.

If you have any questions about the sewer credit meters or would like information about our conservation rebates or Irrigation Only rates, please contact the Utility at (262) 521-5272.

Thank you,

Waukesha Water Utility

Copy of the Letter Sent to Customers  
Who Are No Longer Going to Receive a Sewer Credit

## 6. My Brown Lawn is Green Yard Sign Campaign

Furthermore, the Utility continues to encourage customers to let their lawns go dormant. Large colorful lawn signs, designed by a local artist, are available free of charge to customers who wish to demonstrate their commitment to water conservation. The signs serve to acknowledge those who are conserving and to encourage their neighbors to do the same. A sample of the lawn sign is below.



## 7. Rain Barrel Promotion Program

Waukesha Water Utility used to promote the Waukesha School District's and Waukesha County's rain barrel sales program. However, since rain barrels have gained popularity and can be purchased at local hardware stores etc., the School District and the County have decided to stop making rain barrels.

The Utility will continue to promote the use of rain barrels with bill messages, in the City's Activity Guide (as shown in the education section), at outreach events, and any time a customer calls and requests information.

Waukesha County Water  
Conservation Coalition

Rain Barrel Project

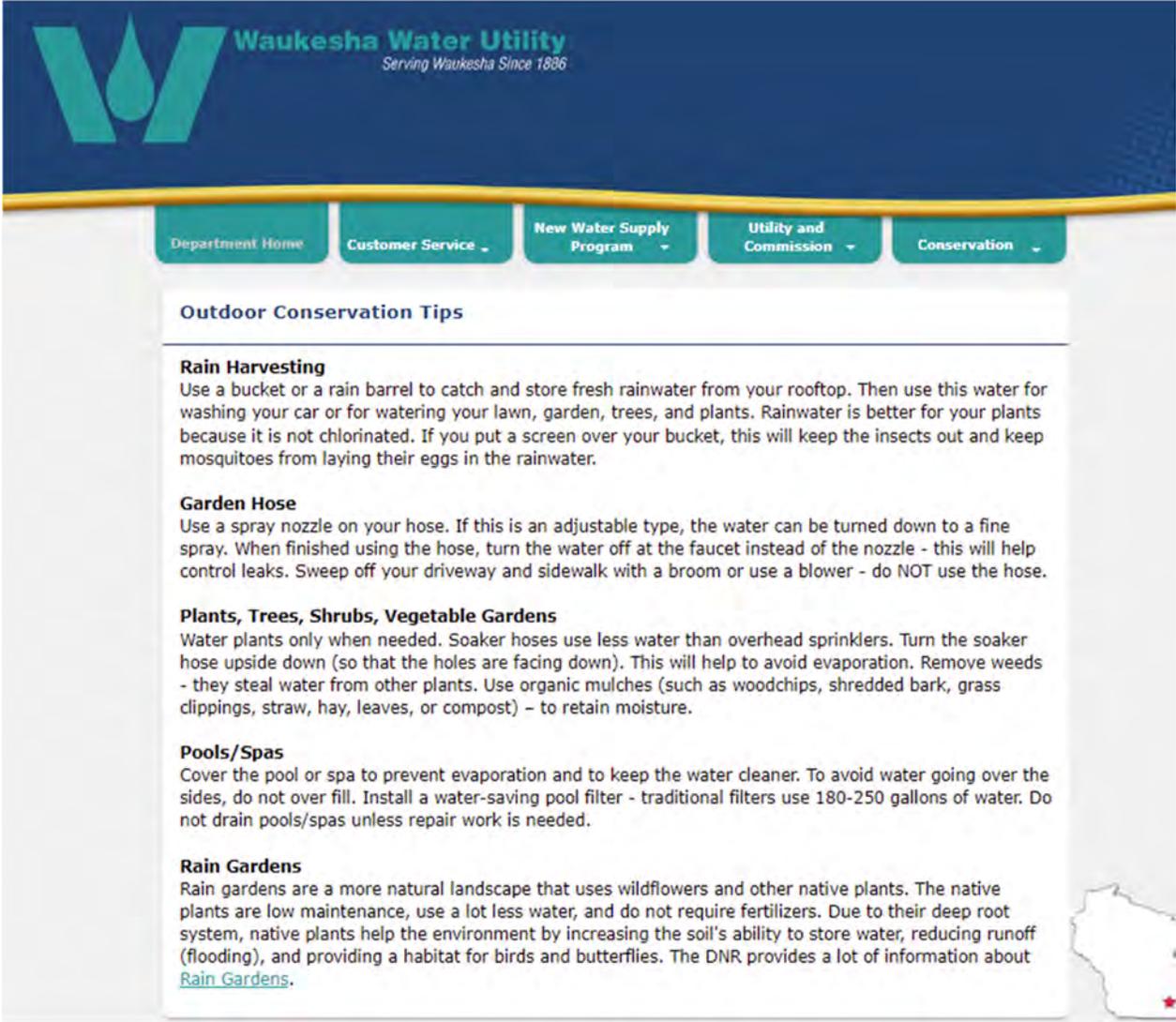


- ◆ Store rainwater for later use
- ◆ Reduces runoff to help our rivers and streams
- ◆ Reduces pumping of groundwater for watering plants
- ◆ Saves you money by saving water
- ◆ Naturally soft water is great for watering plants and washing windows or cars
- ◆ Many local sources of barrels

Clean Water—One Barrel at a Time

## 8. Outdoor Conservation Tips

Waukesha Water Utility has outdoor conservation tips on its website. As seen below, the topics covered are the following: Rain Harvesting, Garden Hose, Plants/Trees/Shrubs/Vegetable Gardens, Pools/Spas, and Rain Gardens.



The screenshot shows the Waukesha Water Utility website. The header features the logo and the text "Waukesha Water Utility" and "Serving Waukesha Since 1886". Below the header is a navigation bar with five buttons: "Department Home", "Customer Service", "New Water Supply Program", "Utility and Commission", and "Conservation". The main content area is titled "Outdoor Conservation Tips" and lists five categories with their respective tips:

- Rain Harvesting**  
Use a bucket or a rain barrel to catch and store fresh rainwater from your rooftop. Then use this water for washing your car or for watering your lawn, garden, trees, and plants. Rainwater is better for your plants because it is not chlorinated. If you put a screen over your bucket, this will keep the insects out and keep mosquitoes from laying their eggs in the rainwater.
- Garden Hose**  
Use a spray nozzle on your hose. If this is an adjustable type, the water can be turned down to a fine spray. When finished using the hose, turn the water off at the faucet instead of the nozzle - this will help control leaks. Sweep off your driveway and sidewalk with a broom or use a blower - do NOT use the hose.
- Plants, Trees, Shrubs, Vegetable Gardens**  
Water plants only when needed. Soaker hoses use less water than overhead sprinklers. Turn the soaker hose upside down (so that the holes are facing down). This will help to avoid evaporation. Remove weeds - they steal water from other plants. Use organic mulches (such as woodchips, shredded bark, grass clippings, straw, hay, leaves, or compost) - to retain moisture.
- Pools/Spas**  
Cover the pool or spa to prevent evaporation and to keep the water cleaner. To avoid water going over the sides, do not over fill. Install a water-saving pool filter - traditional filters use 180-250 gallons of water. Do not drain pools/spas unless repair work is needed.
- Rain Gardens**  
Rain gardens are a more natural landscape that uses wildflowers and other native plants. The native plants are low maintenance, use a lot less water, and do not require fertilizers. Due to their deep root system, native plants help the environment by increasing the soil's ability to store water, reducing runoff (flooding), and providing a habitat for birds and butterflies. The DNR provides a lot of information about [Rain Gardens](#).

Outdoor Conservation Tips on Website

## These 8 Tools Are Working

The information below indicates that Waukesha uses, on average, much less water in the summer now than it did before these eight tools, previously mentioned, were put into place. We have effectively reduced our peak demands, even during the extreme drought conditions of 2012.

Gallons Pumped, during the summer months of 2021, was at a fifteen year low.

| Summer Volumes as a Percent of Total Gallons Pumped |                  |                |                        |                    |                |                        |                    |                |                        |                  |                |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Year                                                | Waukesha Pumpage |                |                        | Brookfield Pumpage |                |                        | Oconomowoc Pumpage |                |                        | Pewaukee Pumpage |                |                        |
|                                                     | Annual (000's)   | Summer (000's) | Summer as a % of Total | Annual (000's)     | Summer (000's) | Summer as a % of Total | Annual (000's)     | Summer (000's) | Summer as a % of Total | Annual (000's)   | Summer (000's) | Summer as a % of Total |
| 2006                                                | 2,623,418        | 1,175,795      | 44.8%                  | 1,465,878          | 738,889        | 50.4%                  | 673,143            | 337,035        | 50.1%                  | 479,448          | 262,317        | 54.7%                  |
| 2007                                                | 2,618,461        | 1,183,827      | 45.2%                  | 1,368,726          | 669,849        | 48.9%                  | 686,683            | 355,702        | 51.8%                  | 445,630          | 232,840        | 52.2%                  |
| 2008                                                | 2,531,108        | 1,128,313      | 44.6%                  | 1,446,256          | 638,479        | 44.1%                  | 677,227            | 337,653        | 49.9%                  | 473,648          | 245,615        | 51.9%                  |
| 2009                                                | 2,479,905        | 1,109,337      | 44.7%                  | 1,295,283          | 653,848        | 50.5%                  | 676,528            | 344,909        | 51.0%                  | 442,530          | 247,172        | 55.9%                  |
| 2010                                                | 2,441,221        | 1,074,691      | 44.0%                  | 1,272,681          | 607,443        | 47.7%                  | 719,994            | 342,468        | 47.6%                  | 441,760          | 219,440        | 49.7%                  |
| 2011                                                | 2,545,103        | 1,129,986      | 44.4%                  | 1,436,548          | 683,145        | 47.6%                  | 689,523            | 329,580        | 47.8%                  | 480,001          | 250,294        | 52.1%                  |
| 2012                                                | 2,527,370        | 1,187,305      | 47.0%                  | 1,365,823          | 714,678        | 52.3%                  | 751,326            | 404,770        | 53.9%                  | 515,842          | 297,556        | 57.7%                  |
| 2013                                                | 2,348,655        | 1,048,020      | 44.6%                  | 1,376,089          | 661,420        | 48.1%                  | 693,971            | 336,449        | 48.5%                  | 454,881          | 237,323        | 52.2%                  |
| 2014                                                | 2,413,582        | 1,015,137      | 42.1%                  | 1,687,514          | 813,598        | 48.2%                  | 696,960            | 337,605        | 48.4%                  | 435,998          | 220,317        | 50.5%                  |
| 2015                                                | 2,213,900        | 970,596        | 43.8%                  | 1,373,750          | 729,687        | 53.1%                  | 630,635            | 307,853        | 48.8%                  | 477,185          | 248,273        | 52.0%                  |
| 2016                                                | 2,166,893        | 962,749        | 44.4%                  | 1,247,811          | 624,014        | 50.0%                  | 589,534            | 291,165        | 49.4%                  | 464,850          | 248,778        | 53.5%                  |
| 2017                                                | 2,128,111        | 933,128        | 43.8%                  | 1,254,510          | 606,530        | 48.3%                  | 564,324            | 270,424        | 47.9%                  | 464,290          | 237,116        | 51.1%                  |
| 2018                                                | 2,068,522        | 914,652        | 44.2%                  | 1,252,833          | 603,142        | 48.1%                  | 553,523            | 271,499        | 49.0%                  | 465,553          | 236,112        | 50.7%                  |
| 2019                                                | 2,039,436        | 902,288        | 44.2%                  | 1,264,021          | 597,749        | 47.3%                  | 549,955            | 263,935        | 48.0%                  | 448,268          | 218,328        | 48.7%                  |
| 2020                                                | 1,933,288        | 883,493        | 45.7%                  | 1,353,088          | 659,505        | 48.7%                  | 638,805            | 322,421        | 50.5%                  | 495,632          | 259,293        | 52.3%                  |
| 2021                                                | 1,923,146        | 873,172        | 45.4%                  | 1,380,064          | 692,322        | 50.2%                  | 709,503            | 364,389        | 51.4%                  | 474,758          | 256,450        | 54.0%                  |
| <b>Average</b>                                      |                  |                | <b>44.6%</b>           |                    |                | <b>49.0%</b>           |                    |                | <b>49.6%</b>           |                  |                | <b>52.5%</b>           |

Further support for the efficacy of the Utility's program can be found by comparing its summer water use with its neighbors (who are affected by similar weather conditions). Waukesha uses a lower proportion of water in the summer than does its neighbors.

In addition to the Outdoor programs, the Utility has other conservation programs (for non-residential customers as well as for all customer classes).

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### 9. Pre-Rinsed Spray Valves

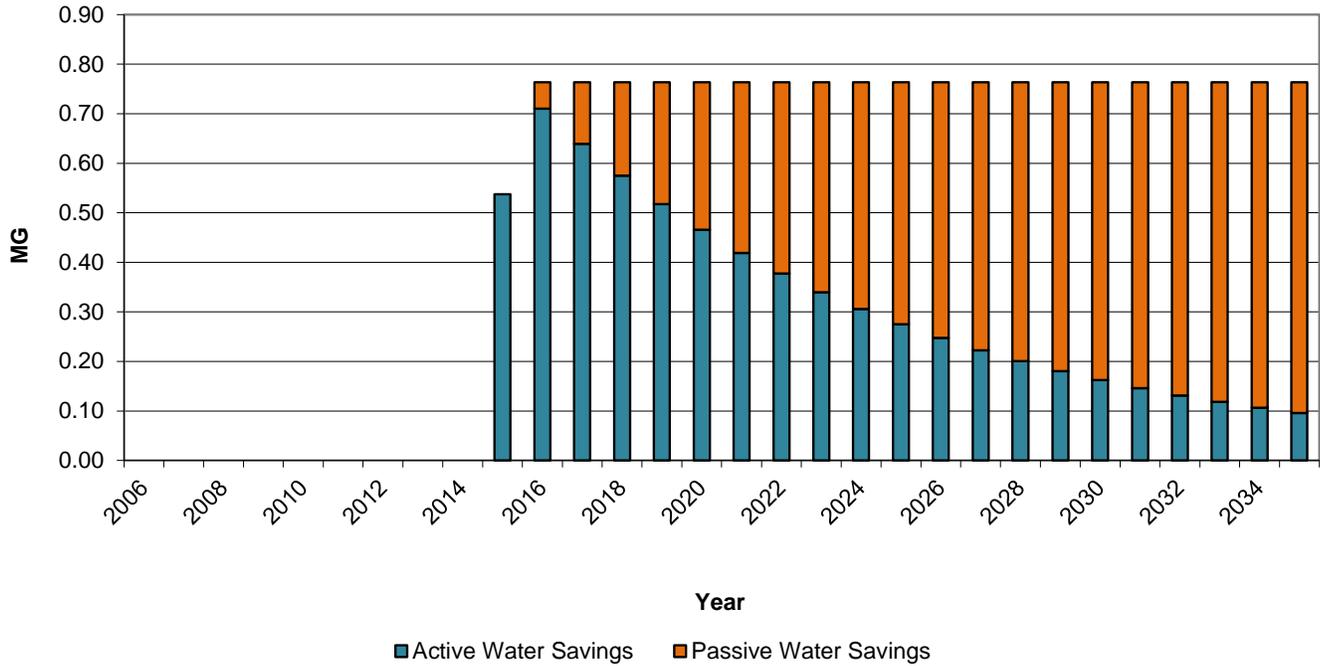
In November 2015, the Utility implemented a conservation initiative for water efficient pre-rinsed spray valves. Pre-rinsed spray valves were offered to large water using customers for free. The spray valves are valued at approximately \$150 and maintain good pressure while using 60% less water. The spray valves are endorsed by The Green Restaurant Association, Alliance for Water Efficiency, The Green Building Council, and EPA WaterSense.

In 2021, due to the pandemic, the Utility staff did not go into any establishments to change out pre-rinsed spray valves.

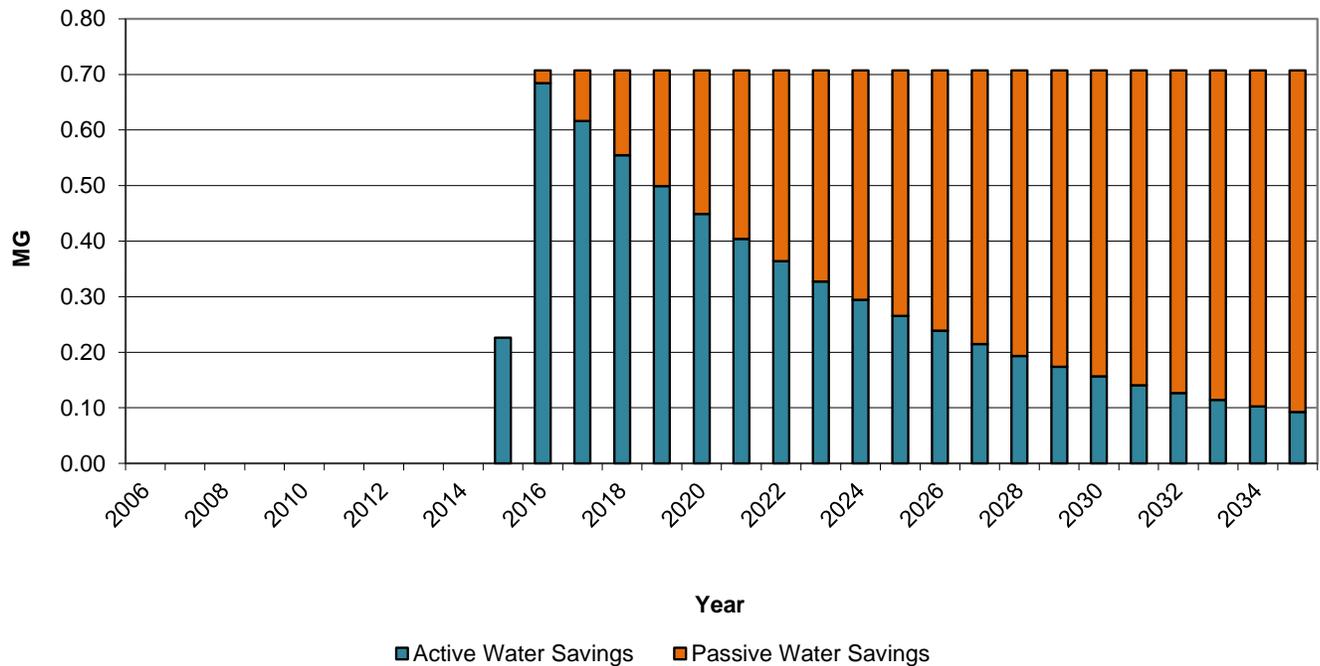
The following page shows the annual cost effectiveness of the program for past activity, along with the projected water savings through 2035, for both commercial and public accounts.

| Class      | Activity Name                            | Unit Cost (\$/MG) | PV Cost  | Unit Benefit (\$/MG) | PV Benefit | Avoided Supply | Avoided Wastewater | B/C Ratio |
|------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Commercial | CII Spray Rinse Valve Grant (Commercial) | 229.76            | 4,537.00 | 1,190.52             | 23,508.94  | 12,987.75      | 10,521.19          | 5.18      |
| Public     | CII Spray Rinse Valve Grant (Public)     | 229.56            | 1,484.60 | 1,110.54             | 7,182.06   | 3,963.48       | 3,218.58           | 4.84      |

### CII Spray Rinse Valve Grant (Commercial) Annual Water Savings

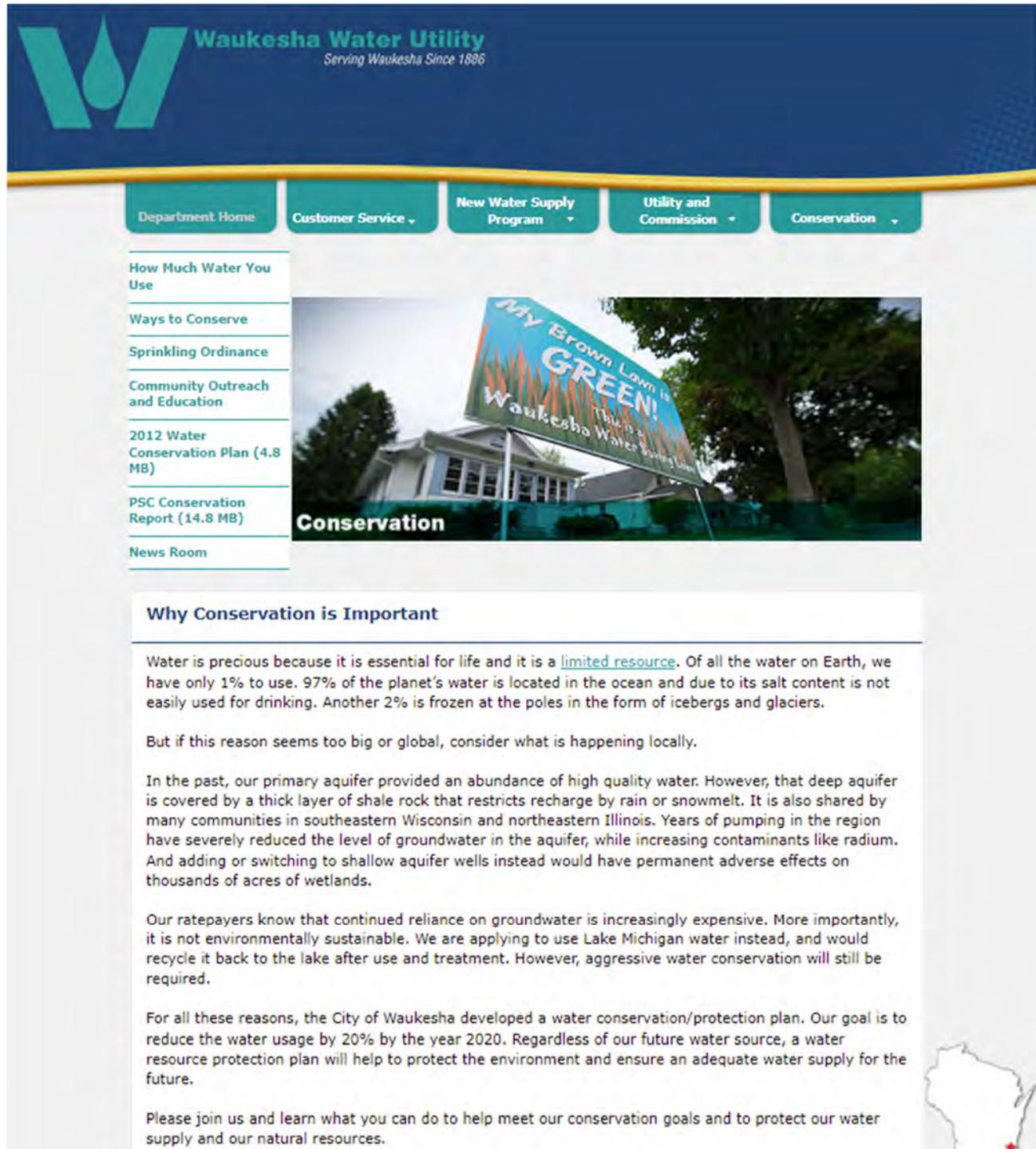


### CII Spray Rinse Valve Grant (Public) Annual Water Savings



## 10. Why It's Important to Conserve & Ways to Conserve

There is information on our website, for all customer classes, on “Why It's Important to Conserve” & “Ways to Conserve”.



The screenshot shows the Waukesha Water Utility website. The header features the utility's logo and name, "Waukesha Water Utility Serving Waukesha Since 1886". Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for "Department Home", "Customer Service", "New Water Supply Program", "Utility and Commission", and "Conservation". The "Conservation" button is highlighted. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with links to "How Much Water You Use", "Ways to Conserve", "Sprinkling Ordinance", "Community Outreach and Education", "2012 Water Conservation Plan (4.8 MB)", "PSC Conservation Report (14.8 MB)", and "News Room". The main content area features a large image of a house with a sign that reads "My Brown Lawn is GREEN! Waukesha Water Utility". Below the image is the word "Conservation". The page title is "Why Conservation is Important". The text on the page discusses the importance of water conservation, stating that water is a limited resource and that groundwater levels are declining. It also mentions that the city has developed a water conservation/protection plan to reduce water usage by 20% by the year 2020. A small map of Wisconsin is visible in the bottom right corner.

### Why Conservation is Important

Water is precious because it is essential for life and it is a limited resource. Of all the water on Earth, we have only 1% to use. 97% of the planet's water is located in the ocean and due to its salt content is not easily used for drinking. Another 2% is frozen at the poles in the form of icebergs and glaciers.

But if this reason seems too big or global, consider what is happening locally.

In the past, our primary aquifer provided an abundance of high quality water. However, that deep aquifer is covered by a thick layer of shale rock that restricts recharge by rain or snowmelt. It is also shared by many communities in southeastern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois. Years of pumping in the region have severely reduced the level of groundwater in the aquifer, while increasing contaminants like radium. And adding or switching to shallow aquifer wells instead would have permanent adverse effects on thousands of acres of wetlands.

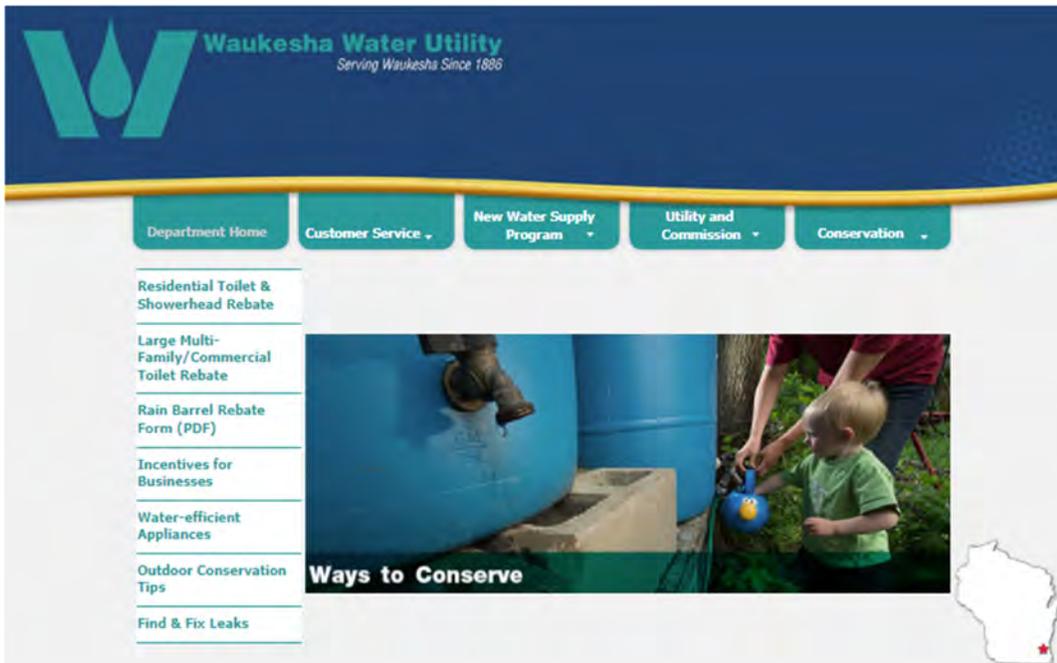
Our ratepayers know that continued reliance on groundwater is increasingly expensive. More importantly, it is not environmentally sustainable. We are applying to use Lake Michigan water instead, and would recycle it back to the lake after use and treatment. However, aggressive water conservation will still be required.

For all these reasons, the City of Waukesha developed a water conservation/protection plan. Our goal is to reduce the water usage by 20% by the year 2020. Regardless of our future water source, a water resource protection plan will help to protect the environment and ensure an adequate water supply for the future.

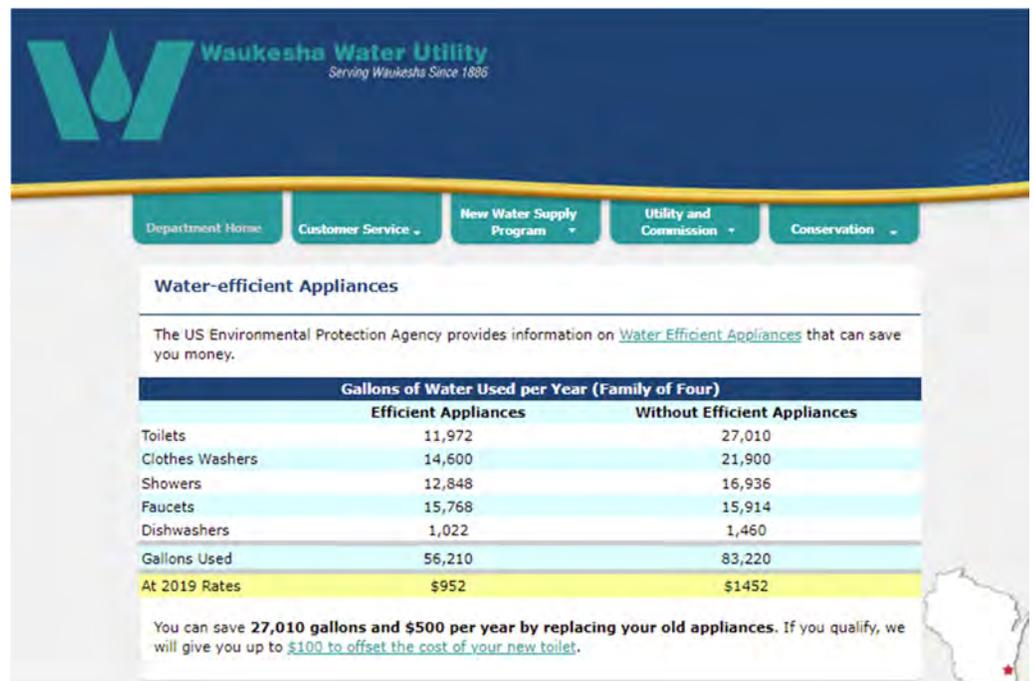
Please join us and learn what you can do to help meet our conservation goals and to protect our water supply and our natural resources.

Why It's Important to Conserve on the Webpage

Under the “Ways to Conserve” heading, we talk about the toilet rebate, the incentive for businesses, the sprinkling ordinance, and outdoor conservation tips. All of these topics have been previously addressed. However, there is one more topic that hasn’t been addressed and that is water-efficient Appliances, as also shown below.



Ways to Conserve on Webpage



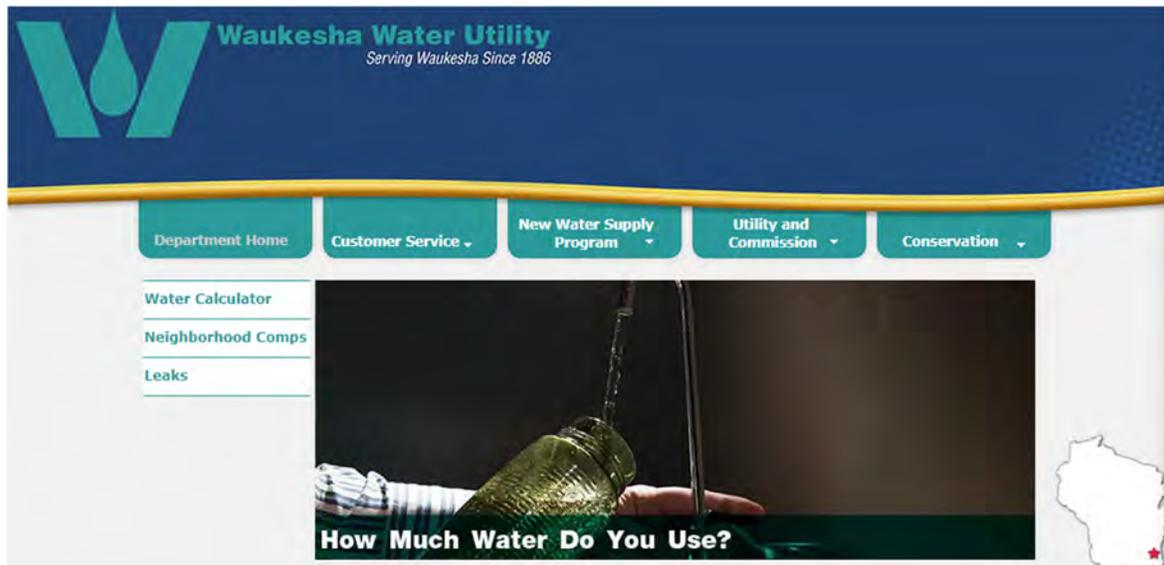
Water Efficient Appliances Webpage

## 11. How Much Water Do You Use & Things To Do To Lower Your Bill

Other information on our website includes “How Much Water Do You Use?” and “Things to do to Lower Your Bill”.

The headings under the “How Much Water Do You Use” webpage are the following:

- Water Calculator (as shown on the next page)
- Leaks (please refer to item #12)
- How Your Water Consumption Compares to your Neighbors (please refer to #13)



Information Regarding 'How Much Water Do You Use' on Webpage

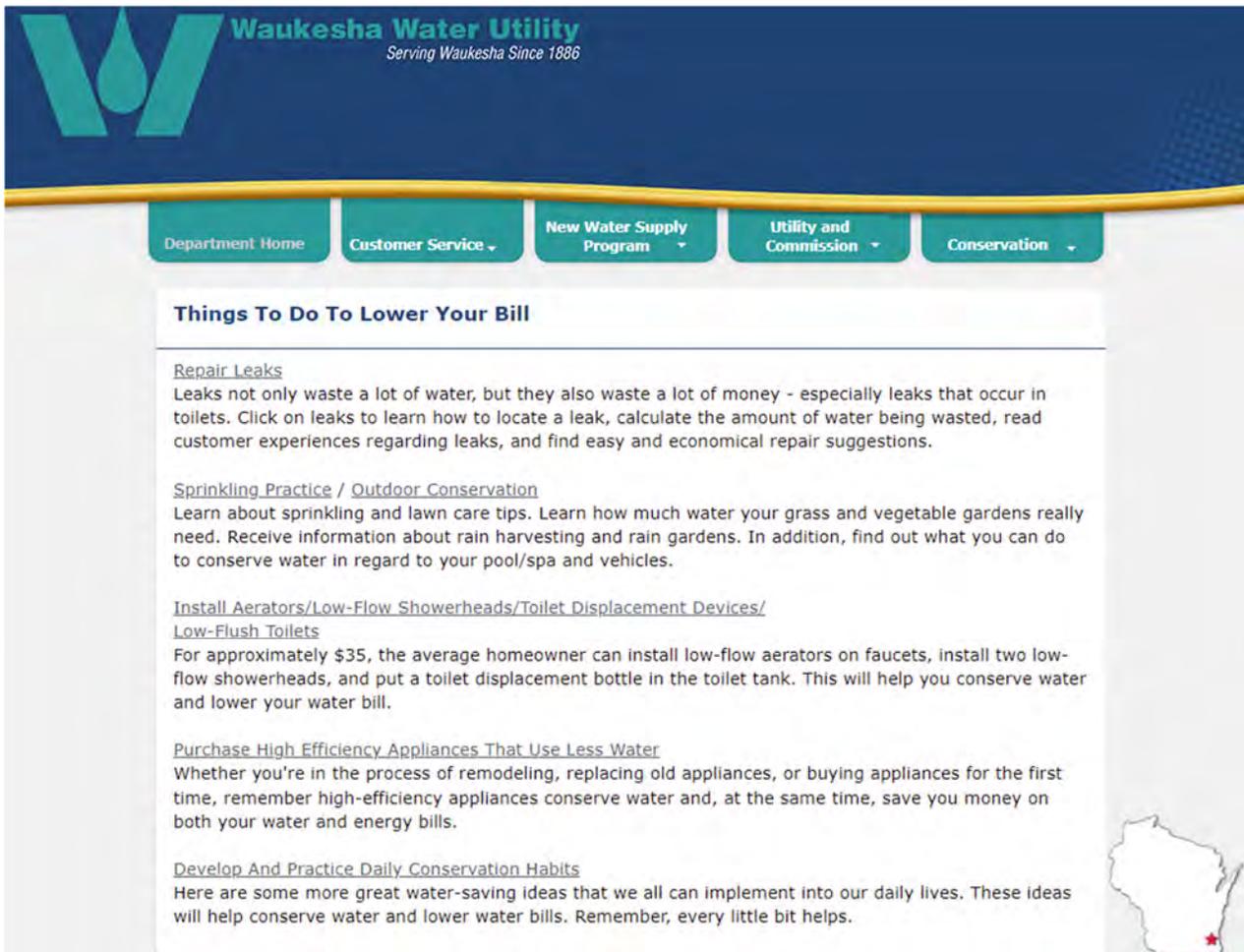
The water calculator links to [H<sub>2</sub>OUSE Water Saver Water Use Calculator](#).

This tool calculates how much water is being used vs. how much water would be saved if fixtures, appliances, and landscaping were efficient. The link also compares the actual water bill to what a person could be saving with conservation.

The image shows a screenshot of the H<sub>2</sub>OUSE Water Saver Home Water Use Calculator. The page has a dark blue sidebar on the left with the H<sub>2</sub>OUSE logo and the text "WATER SAVER HOME". The main content area is light blue and features a "Return to H<sub>2</sub>Ouse Home" button at the top. Below the button is the title "Water Use Calculator" in large orange letters. A paragraph of introductory text explains the calculator's purpose: to help users determine their water budget and potential savings by comparing actual water usage to a budget based on home characteristics. The form is divided into four main sections, each with a blue header bar: 1. "Site Information" with input fields for Name, Site Name (with an example "(e.g., My House)"), and Zip. 2. "Home/Interior Water Consumption Estimate" with input fields for Number of Residents, Number of Showerheads, Number of Toilets, and Number of Faucets. It also includes two columns for "Number installed before 1994" and "Number installed in 1994 or after" for each fixture type. There are radio buttons for "Do you have a clothes washer?" (Yes/No) and "Energy Star?" (Yes/No), with a note "If yes, please answer below." 3. "Landscape Water Consumption Estimate" with input fields for "Grass/lawn Area", "Shrubs/Ground Cover Area", and "Water-Conserving Plants Area", all in square feet. It also includes a field for "Total Landscape Area" with the instruction "Or if you don't know any of the above, enter the Total Landscape Area." 4. "Actual Water Usage" with radio buttons to select the water measure (CCFs or HCFs or Thousand Gallons (KGals)) and a field for the rate per unit ("What rate do you pay? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per CCF/HCF/KGal"). At the bottom, there is a prompt to "Enter actual water usage (from your water bill) for each month below." with a table structure for monthly entries.

The headings under the “Things to do to Lower Your Bill” webpage are the following:

- Repair Leaks (please refer to #12)
- Sprinkling Practice/Outdoor Conservation (which links to the Ordinance & Outdoor Tips – as mentioned previously)
- Install Aerators/Low-Flow Showerheads/Toilet Displacement Devices/Low-Flush Toilets (as shown on the next page)
- Purchase High Efficiency Appliances That Use Less Water (as mentioned previously)
- Develop and Practice Daily Conservation Habits (as shown on two pages from this page)



Information on Things to do to Lower Your Bill on Webpage

## Install Water Saving Devices

Conserving water in your home could save you over \$115 annually in water charges and help protect your water resources.

### Faucet Aerator

Household Sinks should be equipped with faucet aerators. Although it may not seem like much, a bathroom faucet can easily draw more than 2,500 gallons of water per year! Aerators conserve water by mixing air and water as the water leaves the spout. Aerators will not reduce the amount of water needed to fill a sink or pitcher, but will reduce the amount of water needed for rinsing. Aerators are easy to install and cost approximately \$2 each.

### Water Efficient Showerhead

Install water saving showerheads. An average 5-minute shower with a typical non-conserving showerhead sends approximately 40 gallons of fresh water down the drain and into the sewer. Water efficient shower heads provide a water savings of at least 44% compared to non-conserving shower heads. Water efficient showerheads cost approximately \$12 and up.

### Low Flow Toilet

Toilet flushing uses more water than any other household use! A typical non-conserving 5.5 gallon flush toilet (many of which are still in use) contaminates 13,000 gallons of fresh water per year to remove 165 gallons of body waste! An efficient low-flow toilet costs approximately \$100. It will save you 41.2 gallons of water per day. If you don't have a Water efficient toilet, displace water in the tank with two half-gallon plastic jugs filled with pebbles.

Source: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the Lake Michigan Federation (now the Alliance for the Great Lakes).

Information on Aerators, High-Efficiency Shower Heads and Toilets on Webpage



## Daily Conservation Tips

### Kitchen Conservation Tips

- Install a low-flow aerator on your kitchen faucet.
- Place a pitcher of water in the fridge, or warm the water in the microwave or on the stove instead of running the water from the tap and waiting for the temperature to change. Otherwise, while waiting, capture the running water for watering the plants.
- Thaw frozen foods by putting them in the refrigerator overnight or use the microwave to defrost instead of using water to thaw them.
- Use only a little water in the bottom of the pan for cooking purposes. This is what most foods require and, at the same time, the foods will be more nutritious since the vitamins will stay more in the food instead of the water.
- Only run the dishwasher when you have a full load; and, if available, select the "light wash" option in order to use less water.
- Scrape dirty dishes instead of rinsing them off with water. Most dishwashers clean dishes very well and do not need to be rinsed.
- When washing dishes by hand, place the stoppers in the sinks or use two containers, one with soapy water and one with rinsing water, instead of turning the faucet on each time a rinse is needed.
- Begin a compost pile rather than running the water for a garbage disposal.
- Use a pan of water to clean vegetables instead of running the water from the faucet. Then, reuse this water for watering plants.

### Laundry Conservation Tips

- Use the wash machine only when there is a full load. Adjust the water level based on the size of the load.
- When purchasing a new wash machine, buy a high-efficiency appliance. This will not only conserve water, but will also save money on water and energy bills.

### Bathroom Conservation Tips

- Install a low-flow faucet aerator on your bathroom sink.
- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth, washing, or shaving.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.
- Take a shower instead of a bath. A fast shower, especially one with a low-flow showerhead, will use less water.
- Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water for watering plants.
- While in the shower, turn the water on to get wet, turn it off while soaping up, and turn it back on to rinse off. Do the same when washing your hair.
- Only flush the toilet when necessary. Use the trash for tissues, insects, and waste instead of flushing them down the toilet.
- Check for toilet leaks twice a year. (See [Leaks](#) for more information.)
- If the handle of the toilet often stays in the flush position, after flushing, and allows the water to run, get it fixed.
- Put a plastic gallon jug filled with rocks, into the toilet tank. This will raise the water level in the tank so that less water will be used. Otherwise, you can purchase a toilet displacement device from a hardware store to do the same thing.
- When remodeling or purchasing a new home, install a low-flow flushing toilet that uses only 1.6 gallons of water per flush.

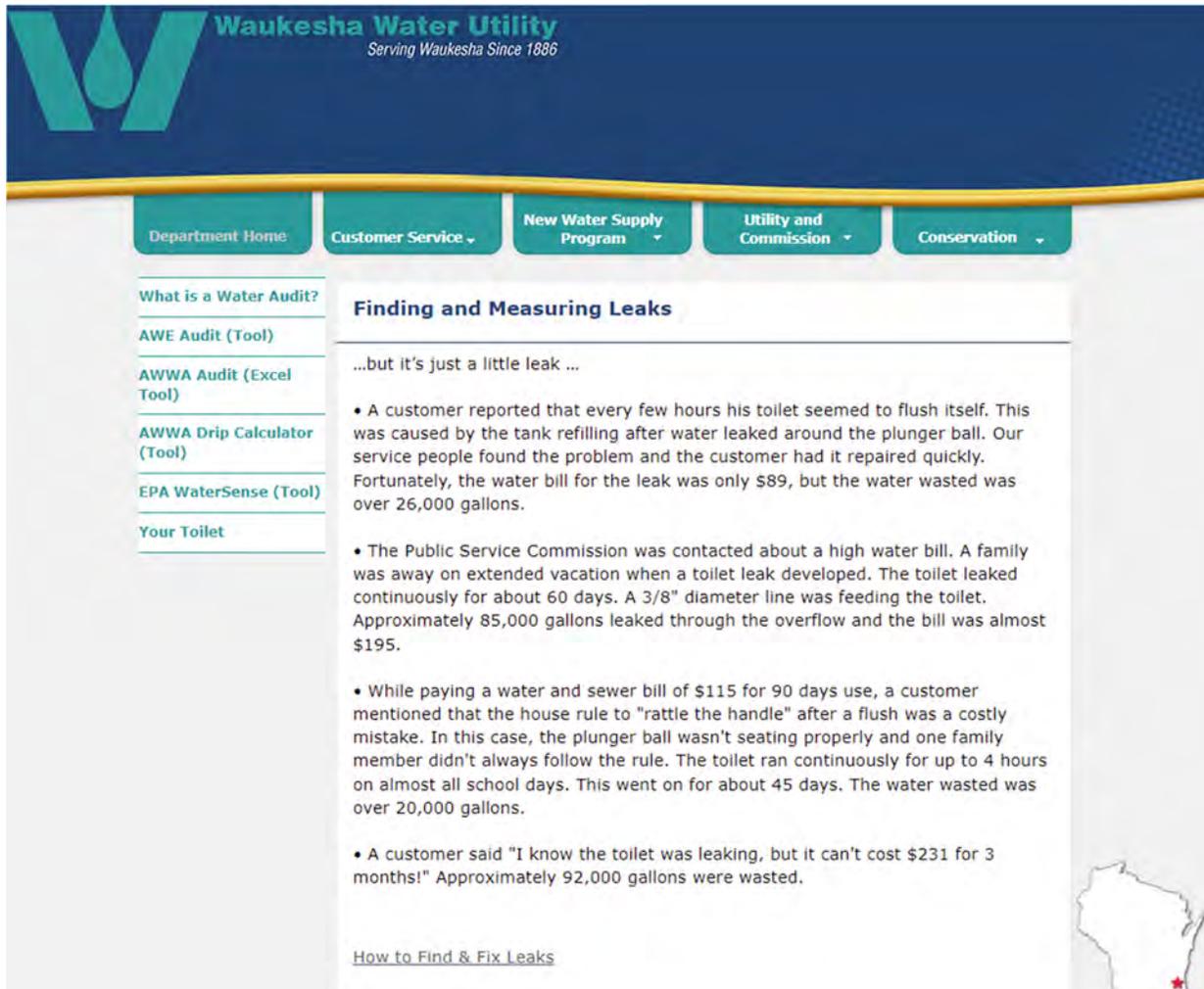
### General Conservation Tips

- Do not pour water down the drain when it could be reused for watering plants, gardens, etc.
- Check your water meter to verify that your house is leak free.
- Repair toilet leaks or dripping faucets right away. These waste a lot of water and can significantly increase.

Information on Conservation Habits & Tips for Inside the Home on Webpage

## 12. Program on Finding & Fixing Leaks

The Utility has information on its website to help customers understand the importance of finding and fixing leaks quickly. The information below informs customers on how much water and money can be wasted when it comes to leaks.



The screenshot shows the Waukesha Water Utility website. The header features the utility's logo and name, "Waukesha Water Utility", with the tagline "Serving Waukesha Since 1886". Below the header is a navigation bar with five menu items: "Department Home", "Customer Service", "New Water Supply Program", "Utility and Commission", and "Conservation". The main content area is titled "Finding and Measuring Leaks" and includes a sidebar with links to "What is a Water Audit?", "AWE Audit (Tool)", "AWWA Audit (Excel Tool)", "AWWA Drip Calculator (Tool)", "EPA WaterSense (Tool)", and "Your Toilet". The main text area contains a sub-header "...but it's just a little leak ..." followed by three bullet points describing customer experiences with toilet leaks, including the amount of water wasted and the cost of repairs. A link for "How to Find & Fix Leaks" is provided at the bottom of the main text area. A small map of Wisconsin with a red star is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

Information on website for Finding and Fixing Leaks

Also, the Utility has a link on its website to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense site for detailed information on Finding & Fixing Leaks.



## Leaks Can Run, but They Can't Hide

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week. Mark your calendars for EPA's annual Fix a Leak Week, March 14 through 20, 2022—but remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

From family fun runs to leak detection contests to WaterSense demonstrations, Fix a Leak Week events happen from coast to coast and are all geared to teach you how to find and fix household leaks. See our [Event map](#) at the bottom of this page (or on [Facebook](#)  ) to find events near you and view past events!

Learn how to find and fix leaks during Fix a Leak Week. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

### On This Page:

- [Checking for Leaks](#)
- [Toilet Leaks](#)
- [Faucet Leaks](#)
- [Showerhead Leaks](#)
- [Outdoor Leaks](#)
- [In the Workplace](#)

### Related Information

- Check our our [animated video with Flo](#)
- Educational resources

[Link to Water Sense Finding and Fixing Leaks](#)

In addition, the Utility's website has information pertaining specifically to toilet leaks (as to how much water is wasted & information on the toilet rebate).

**Waukesha Water Utility**  
*Serving Waukesha Since 1886*

Department Home | Customer Service ▾ | New Water Supply Program ▾ | Utility and Commission ▾ | Conservation ▾

### Toilet Leaks

Toilet leaks are one of the most common and costly leaks. Hundreds of gallons a day can be wasted on toilet leaks. Although they tend to be invisible, you can often hear the sound of water running.

It's best to check for leaks twice each year. Check your toilet for parts which are out of adjustment or worn out. Leaks usually occur in the overflow pipe or the plunger ball.

After you have fixed the leak, use the leak indicator on your water meter to verify successful repair.

| How Much Water is Wasted?   |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A leak of _____ per minute, | wastes _____ gallons per month. |
| 1 pint                      | 5,475                           |
| 1 quart                     | 10,950                          |
| ½ gallon                    | 21,900                          |
| 1 gallon                    | 43,800                          |
| 3 gallons                   | 131,400                         |

**High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program**  
 If you have an old toilet, it's probably best to replace it.

**Replace a Water Guzzling Toilet, Receive \$100!**  
[Rebate Qualifications and Application.](#)

Information on website regarding Toilet Leaks

Along with a link to American Water Works Association's (AWWA) drip calculator – to calculate how much water is wasted on dripping and running faucets.

The screenshot shows the AWWA website's navigation menu with categories like MEMBERSHIP, CONFERENCES & EDUCATION, RESOURCES & TOOLS, PUBLICATIONS, and LEGISLATION & REGULATION. Below the menu, the breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Resources & Tools > Public Affairs > Public Information > DripCalculator. The page title is "Drip Calculator".

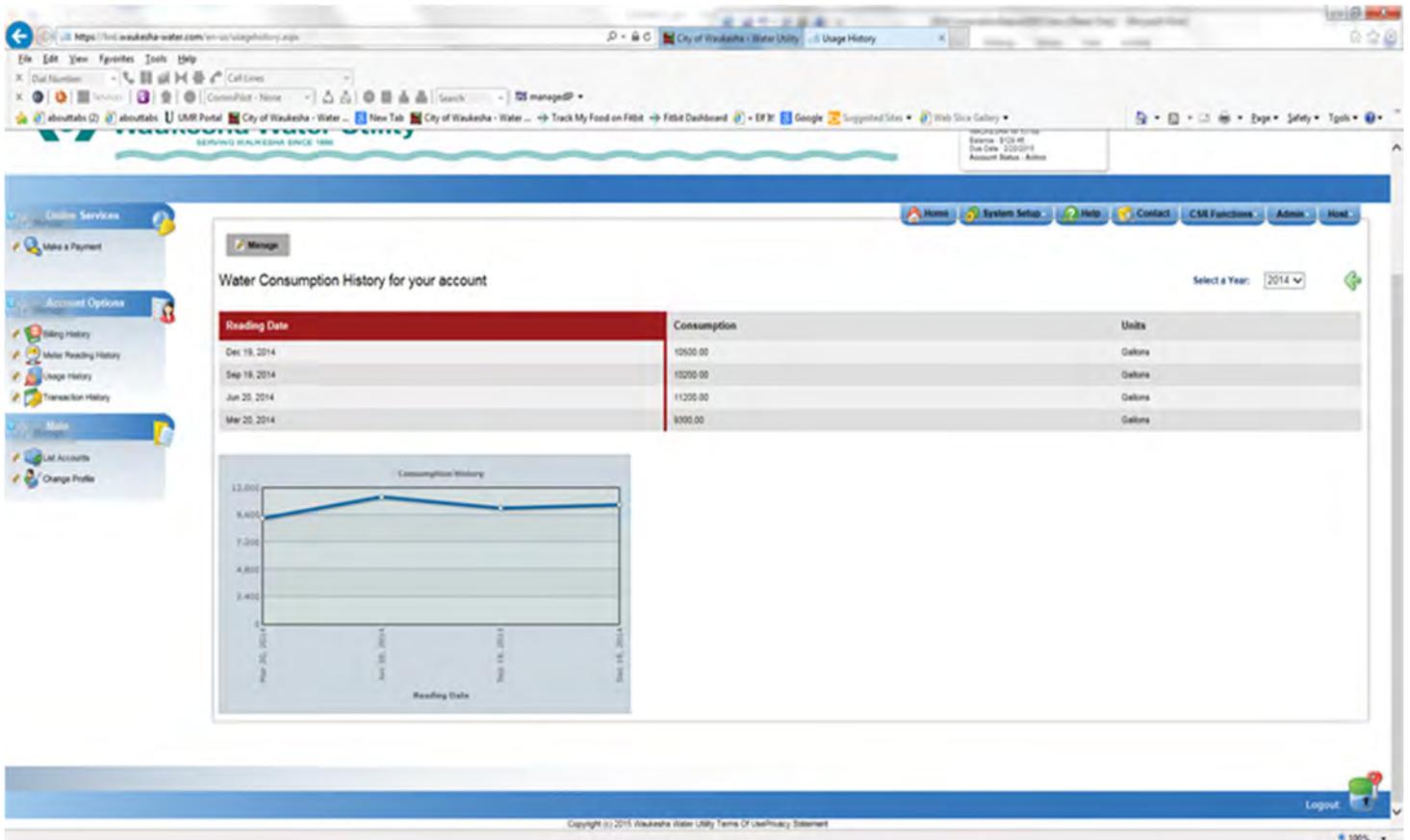
The main content area is titled "Drip Calculator" and includes the instruction: "Use AWWA's online tool to estimate water waste and learn how much water you could be saving." It features two sections:

- DRIPPING FAUCETS**: Accompanied by a faucet icon, it states: "For smaller/slower leaks - count the number of drips in one minute from the leaky fixture. Note: 5 drips per second amounts to a steady stream." The form includes a text input for "Drips Per Minute:" and a dropdown menu for "Unit of Measurement:" set to "Gallons". A "Calculate Waste" button is located below.
- FAST RUNNING FAUCETS**: Accompanied by a faucet icon, it states: "For larger/more rapid leaks - hold an 8 ounce cup under the dripping fixture and time, in seconds, how long it takes to fill the cup." The form includes a text input for "Time in seconds:" and a dropdown menu for "Unit of Measurement:" set to "Gallons". A "Calculate Waste" button is located below.

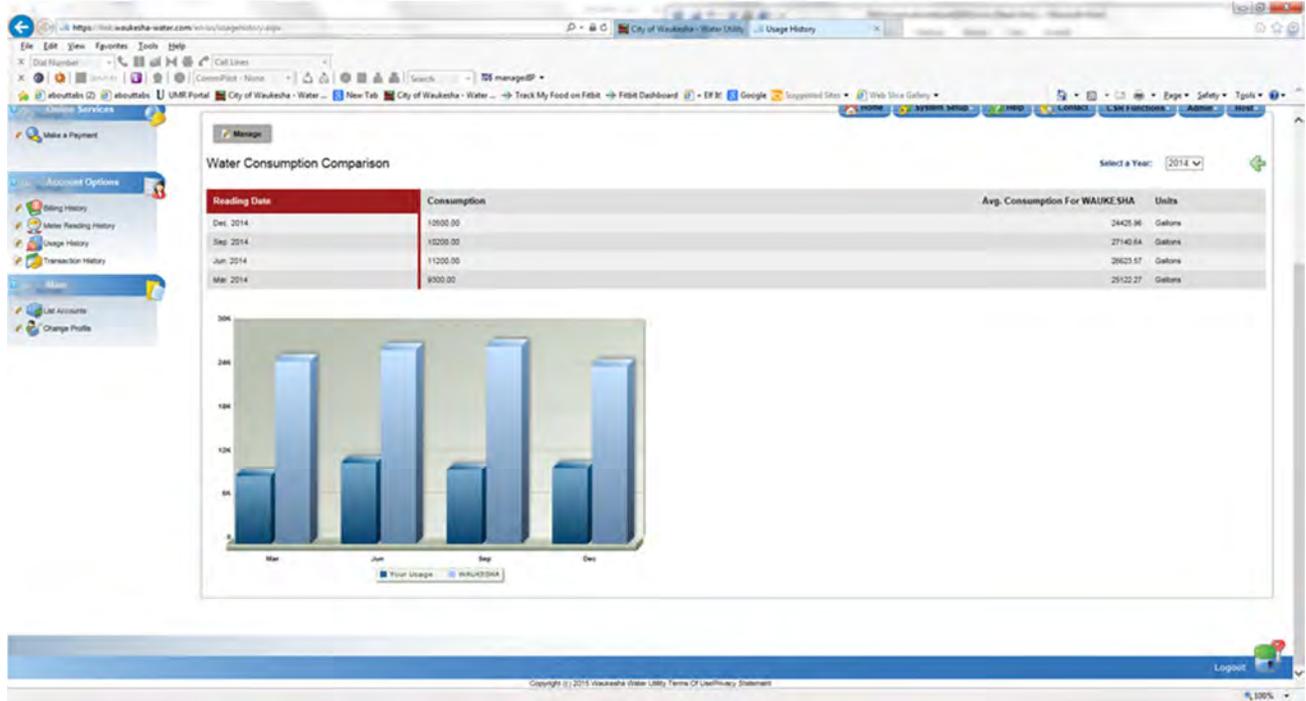
[Link to AWWA's Drip Calculator](#)

### 13. Web Based Consumption History and Comparisons (for all customers)

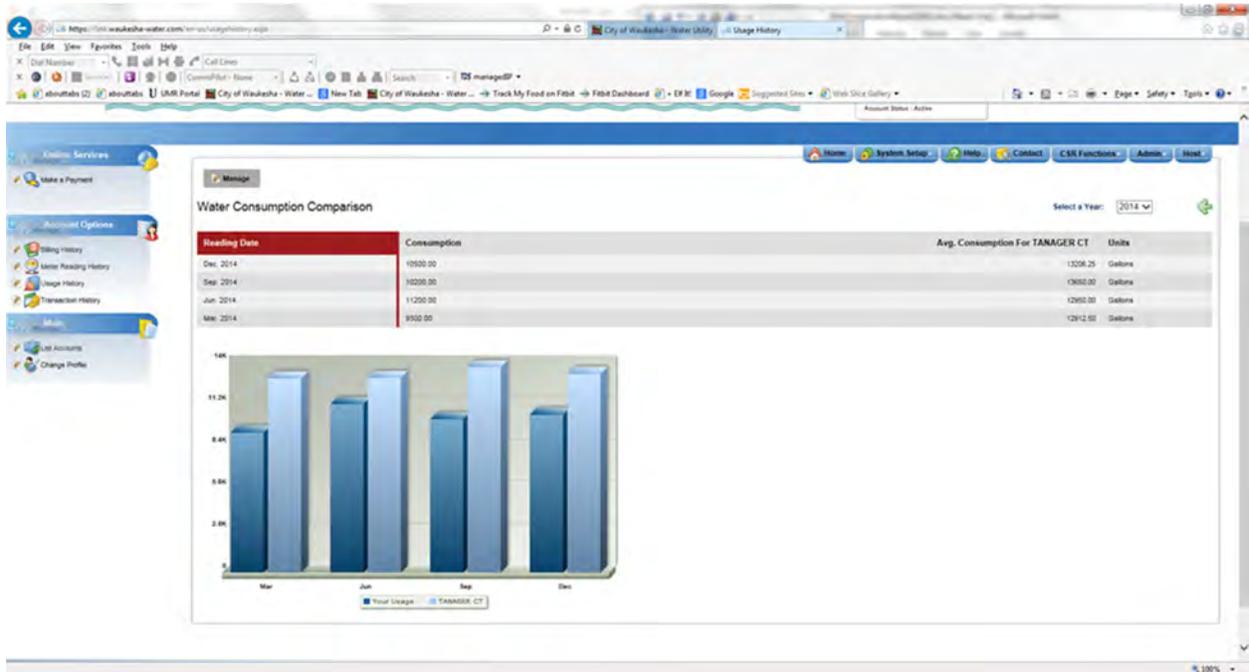
In 2014, the Utility installed Link, a system available to customers to pay their bills online. Integral to Link is the customer's ability to search transaction and consumption history. Now, a customer can compare their consumption across seasons.



They can also compare themselves to the City as a whole,



as well as to the neighbors on their street.



The Utility hopes that if a customer sees they are consuming more than their neighbors, they will begin to ask why. While there may be legitimate reasons for higher consumption, for example family size, the consumer may also touch on other habits, and with change, could lead to conservation.

## 14. Leak Detection & Water Audit Program

Waukesha Water Utility has a leak detection program where our Billing Department runs a Pre-Exception Report. This Pre-Exception report shows the low and high consumptions for possible stopped meters and leaks. For stop meters, our Meter Technicians go to property to check and replace the meter, if needed. For high consumptions, the Utility sends a Courtesy Postcard to notify the customer that they might have a leak; and advises them to check the leak indicator on their meter. A copy of the Courtesy Postcard is shown below.

**COURTESY CARD**

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Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Reading Date \_\_\_\_\_

**It appears you are using more water**

Water used this quarter \_\_\_\_\_

Water used during the same quarter last year \_\_\_\_\_



The increase could be due to lawn sprinkling, additional residents, guests, new tenants, etc.  
or  
**you might have a leak.**

Please locate your water meter and check for movement of the diamond shaped leak indicator.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at 262 521 5272  
Thank you,  
**WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY**

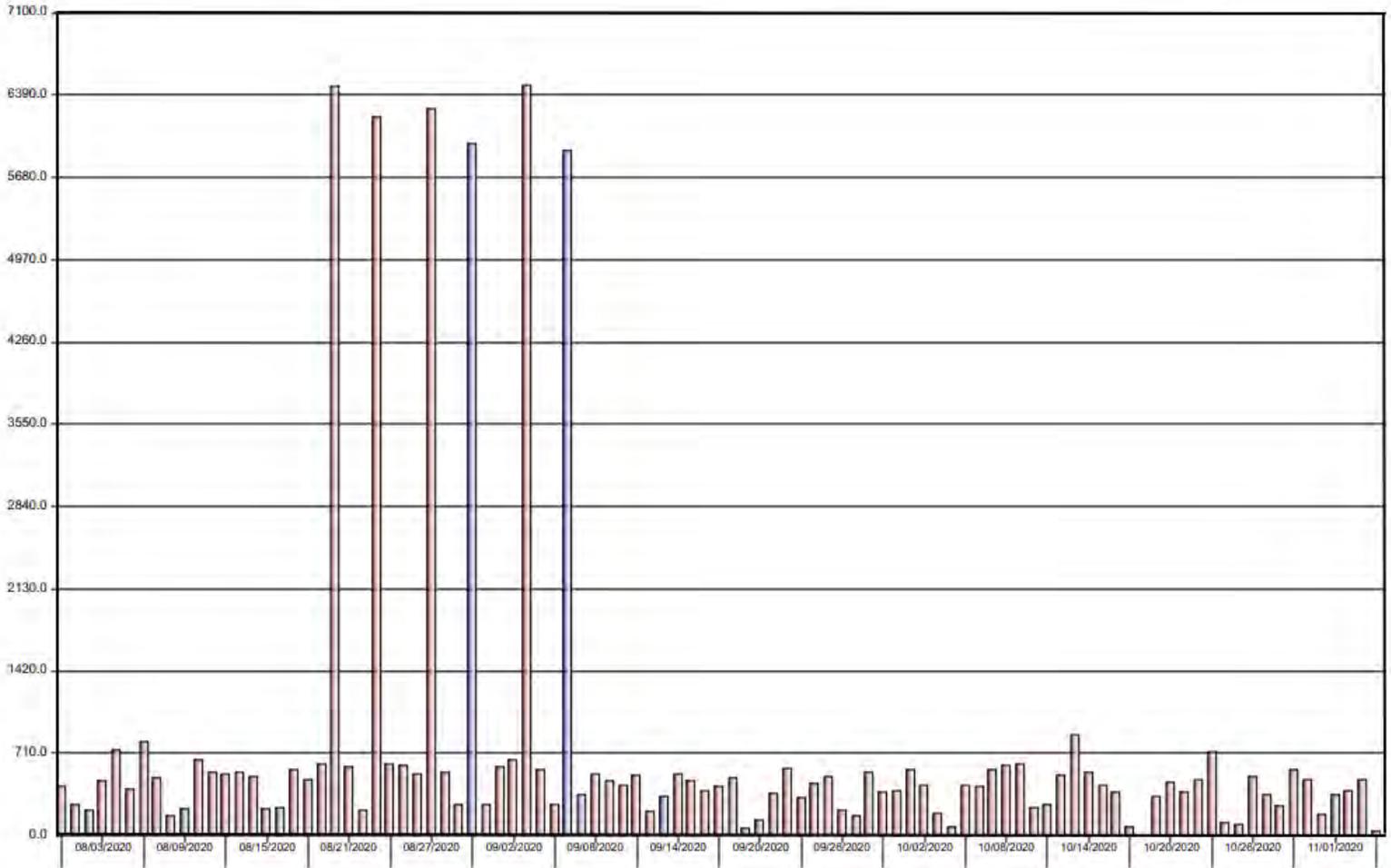
Courtesy Card Notify Customers of a Possible Leak

The Utility normally receives calls from customers after they receive the postcard. When customers call, we explain how to check their meter and toilets, etc. for leaks. Sometimes, customers will request additional help from the Utility to help find the problem.

The Utility will help customers find leaks by either conducting water audits or by running data logging reports. Water audits are conducted for single family homes, duplexes, and triplexes. Data logging reports, that show daily consumptions, are done for large multi-families, commercial, public, and industrial accounts.

In 2021, the Utility conducted 21 residential water audits and 25 data logging reports (12 for residential accounts, 2 for multi-family accounts, 1 for a public account, 9 for commercial accounts, and 1 for an industrial account).

A copy of a data logging report is shown on the following page.



Data Logging Report for a Commercial Customer Account

In addition to the Courtesy Card, Audits, and Data Logging Reports, the Utility has an informational program on its website for customers to conduct their own water audits for residential and non-residential customers; along with links to AWE’s Water Audit Process Introduction, and AWWA’s Free Water Audit Reporting Tool Kit. (A copy of the information on our website is shown below.)

Finally, any time a customer calls the Utility asking for information or has a high consumption, Waukesha Water Utility is always willing to act as a resource to help its customers.

### What is a Water Audit?

#### Businesses

##### Saving Water: It's just good business

Using water efficiently is not just good for Waukesha and the environment; it's a smart business strategy. Reducing your water use can save you money on your water, wastewater and energy bills and cut on-site treatment costs. Every business is a little different, but a water audit is an easy way to start.

Water audits provide a way to inventory all water uses in your facility and identify ways to increase water use efficiency. The results can help you prioritize steps to implement cost-effective water-saving measures.

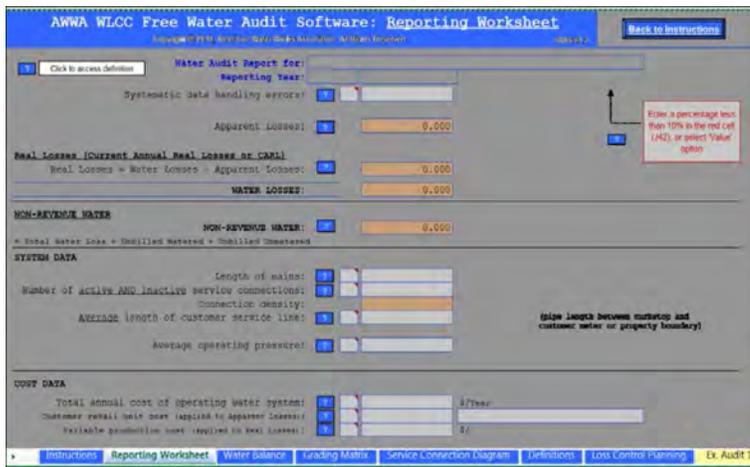
- Step One – Gather data such as maps showing locations and equipment where water is used, water bills and consumption data, equipment manuals and so on
- Step Two – Walk through your facility and verify water uses, estimate hours and rate of use, look for leaks and ways to reduce water use
- Step Three – Compare estimated water use with consumption data from water bills
- Step Four – Estimate costs of fixture change-outs, new equipment or new processes and compare with estimated savings for water, wastewater and energy to calculate potential payback period
- Step Five – Prepare a summary of recommended actions and implementation schedule for those actions that make economic sense

More information, see the tools on our website or call the Waukesha Water Utility at (262) 521-5272.

### Information on the Utility’s Website



A Link to AWE’s Water Audit Process



A Link to AWWA’s Water Audit Reporting Toolkit

## VI. EDUCATION PROGRAMS, OUTREACH EVENTS, YOUTH GROUPS & PARTNERSHIPS

Waukesha Water Utility follows NR 852 Requirements. As a result, several educational programs have been adopted. Section A will highlight how we advertise our current water conservation programs; Section B will focus on community presentations and outreach events; and Section C will concentrate on youth education.



### Tools:

The Education Programs use the following communication tools.

- [ X ] Website
- [ X ] GWA's Website Evolution uploaded in 2019 (greatwateralliance.com – an information hub for the Utility's future water supply project that includes information on water conservation)
- [ X ] Bill Stuffers
- [ X ] Local Newspaper
- [ X ] Public Outreach & Community Meetings
- [ X ] School Programs
- [ X ] Other: Street Signs
- [ X ] Other: Yard Signs - Brown Lawn Campaign

- [ X ] Other: Social Media (Twitter & Facebook)
- [ X ] Other: Public Giveaways: Toilet Leak Detection Tablets & Rain Gauges
- [ X ] Other: Brochures
- [ X ] Other: Bill Messages
- [ X ] Other: Non-Residential Giveaways: Pre-rinsed Spray Valves
- [ X ] Other: Customer Service – in person and over the phone
- [ X ] Other: Neptune 12900 V4 radio/data logger
- [ X ] Other: City's Park and Rec Activity Guide
- [ X ] Other: City Interdepartmental Meetings
- [ X ] Other: Public Service Announcement (TV 25)
- [ X ] Other: Great Water Alliance's Newsletter
- [ X ] Other: City of Waukesha's Electronic Newsletter
- [ X ] Other: City of Waukesha's Department of Public Works Newsletter Insert
- [ X ] Other: Great Water Alliance Informational Video Series

**A. Education Programs**

In 2021, the Utility also utilized the following education platforms and topics for water conservation announcements.

1. Great Water Alliance Website
2. Great Water Alliance Social Media
3. City of Waukesha's Electronic Newsletter
4. City of Waukesha's Social Media
5. Advertisement for the Toilet & Shower Head Rebate Program
6. Irrigation Ordinance Bill Insert
7. EPA WaterSense's National Fix a Leak Week
8. National Drinking Water Week
9. Tips on How to Prevent Frozen Pipes



## 1. Great Water Alliance Website

In 2018, the Great Water Alliance created a website for the purpose of updating communication efforts for the Great Lakes Water Supply program. In 2019, the GWA added water conservation information to its site. The conservation topics include the following:

- You Can Save Water and Money by Replacing Your Old Appliances
- Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance
- Finding & Measuring Leaks
- Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

The following pages will show the conservation information that was added to GWA's website.

WATER CONSERVATION  **YOU CAN SAVE**  
**27,010 gallons AND \$500**  
PER YEAR BY **replacing** YOUR OLD APPLIANCES



|                                                                                            |                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOILET    | WASHER      |
| SHOWER    | DISHWASHER  |
| Faucet  | TOTAL     |

**MORE ABOUT conservation**

Head to the WWU page for more information on Waukesha's conservation efforts, including rebates and our daytime sprinkling ban.

[WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY >>](#)

Water Conservation Information on GWA's Website  
Gallons You Can Save By Replacing Old Appliances

When you click on the appliance icon, it provides information on how much water an old appliance uses versus a high-efficiency appliance.

# MORE ABOUT conservation

Water is precious because it is essential for life and is a limited resource. Waukesha Water Utility (WWU) has established a Sprinkling Ordinance to aid in the efforts of water conservation.



## City of Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance

May 1st - October 1st

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Even Number              | Thursdays & Sundays         | Before 9 am or After 5 pm |

Hand watering may be done at any day any time. Save Money & Mow Less! Join "My Brown Lawn is GREEN" campaign. Since established lawns go dormant in the summer and turn green again with the autumn rain, watering the grass is unnecessary.

Head to the WWU webpage for more information on Waukesha's conservation efforts, including rebates and more about the sprinkling ordinance.

**WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY >>**



Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance Information on GWA's Website

# FINDING & MEASURING leaks

When it comes to leaks, we often hear the words “but it’s just a little leak.” Unfortunately, those little leaks can become very expensive. Please read the stories below. (The bill amounts have been updated using **2019** rates and assumes the average residential consumption is **12,000** gallons per quarter.)



While paying a water and sewer bill of **\$475** for **90** days use, a customer mentioned that the house rule to “rattle the handle” after a flush was a costly mistake. In this case, the plunger ball wasn’t aligned properly and one family member didn’t always follow the rule. The toilet ran continuously for up to 4 hours on almost all school days for about 45 days. This wasted **20,000** gallons of water.

A customer said, “I know the toilet was leaking, but it can’t cost **\$1,498** for 3 months!” This leak wasted approximately **92,000** gallons of water.

The Public Service Commission was contacted about a high water bill. A family was away on extended vacation when a toilet leak developed. The toilet leaked continuously for about **60** days. A 3/8” diameter line was feeding the toilet. Approximately **85,000** gallons of water leaked through the overflow and the bill was **\$1,398**.

A customer reported that every few hours his toilet seemed to flush itself. This was caused by the tank refilling after the water leaked around the plunger ball. Our service people found the problem and the customer had it repaired quickly. The amount of water wasted was **26,000** gallons and the water and sewer bill was **\$561**.

[HOW TO FIND & FIX LEAKS >>](#)

Conservation Information on GWA’s website – Finding & Measuring Leaks

## OUTDOOR conservation tips



Use a spray nozzle on your hose. If this is an adjustable type, the water can be turned down to a fine spray. When finished using the hose, turn the water off at the faucet instead of the nozzle — this will help control leaks. Sweep off your driveway and sidewalk with a broom or use a blower — do NOT use the hose.



Water plants only when needed. Soaker hoses use less water than overhead sprinklers. Turn the soaker hose upside down (so that the holes are facing down). This will help to avoid evaporation. Remove weeds — they steal water from other plants. Use organic mulches (such as woodchips, shredded bark, grass clippings, straw, hay, leaves, or compost) — to retain moisture.



Cover the pool or spa to prevent evaporation and to keep the water cleaner. To avoid water going over the sides, do not overfill. Install a water-saving pool filter — traditional filters use 180-250 gallons of water. Do not drain pools/spas unless repair work is needed.



Rain gardens are a more natural landscape that uses wildflowers and other native plants. The native plants are low maintenance, use a lot less water, and do not require fertilizers. Due to their deep root system, native plants help the environment by increasing the soil's ability to store water, reducing runoff (flooding), and providing a habitat for birds and butterflies. The DNR provides a lot of information about [Rain Gardens](#).



Use a bucket or a rain barrel to catch and store fresh rainwater from your rooftop. Then use this water for washing your car or for watering your lawn, garden, trees, and plants. Rainwater is better for your plants because it is not chlorinated. If you put a screen over your bucket, this will keep the insects out and keep mosquitoes from laying their eggs in the rainwater.

Learn more about rain barrels and the Waukesha Water Utility rain barrel rebate program [here](#).

Conservation Information on GWA's website – Outdoor Conservation Tips

## **2. Great Water Alliance Social Media**

In addition to the conservation information posted on the GWA's website, conservation messages were also posted on GWA's social media account. In 2021, GWA posted the following tweets:

- New Year Water Conservation Resolutions
  - Reuse Water
  - Check for Leaks
  - Invest in High Efficiency
  - Use a Rain Barrel
  - Take Shorter Showers
  - Garden with Native Plants
  
- Benefits of Rain Barrels
  
- Outdoor Water Conservation Tips
  
- Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance
  
- Finding & Fixing Leaks
  
- Learn More Ways to Conserve Water on Waukesha Water Utility's Website

A copy of the messages posted on twitter are shown on the following pages.



Great Water Alliance  
January 5, 2021 · 🌐



Need a new year's resolution? How about trying to conserve more water this year. Check out these other ideas: <https://bit.ly/3htFjtw>



New Year's Conservation Resolutions  
Social Media Post



Make this year the year of water conservation. Find ideas your family can try: <https://bit.ly/3htFjtw>



High-Efficiency  
Social Media Post



Great Water Alliance  
January 25, 2021 · 🌐

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We hope that water conservation is a resolution that you stick with all year. Discover new ways to save water: <https://bit.ly/3htFjtw>



Take Shorter Showers  
Social Media Post



April showers can help conserve water. Learn more about how you can help: <https://bit.ly/3wtKJfs>

## Benefits to Rain Barrels

Spring is here and for many this means we head back out to our yards. Rain barrels are a perfect addition and provide many benefits. Check our list of the top five reasons to purchase a rain barrel.



### Saves you money

The City of Waukesha offers residents a \$20 rebate per barrel on up to two rain barrels per address. Waukesha is no stranger to water conservation. In fact, in 2008 it became the first Wisconsin utility to issue low-flow toilet rebates.



### Saves you money again

Most homeowners who use rain barrels reduce water use by roughly 1,300 gallons during the summer. This will lower your overall water bill.



### Rainwater is better

Naturally soft, chlorine-free water is great for your plants and soil. It is also good for washing windows and cars.



### Feels great

By taking this step to assist the environment, it feels rewarding to do your part.

### Controls moisture levels

Collecting rainwater before it soaks into the soil will help prevent water from collecting around your home, preventing dampness which can contribute to mold.



Benefits of Rain Barrels  
Social Media Post

Great Water Alliance @GWA\_Social · May 13, 2021

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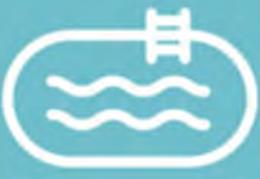
Saving water is easy in the spring and summer with these outdoor conservation tips. [bit.ly/3aPEY2w](https://bit.ly/3aPEY2w) #WaterConservation



Outdoor Conservation Tips  
Social Media Post



As spring rains fall and summer approaches, here are some outdoor conservation tips to help you save water. <https://bit.ly/3xCJGKM>

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| <p><b>Use a spray nozzle on your hose.</b></p>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Water plants <i>only</i> when needed.</b></p>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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Outdoor Water Conservation Tips  
Social Media Post



Great Water Alliance

June 3, 2021 · 🌐



As we move into summer, remember that following the Waukesha sprinkling ordinance can help conserve water for our community. Learn more about water conservation and the sprinkling ordinance here: <https://bit.ly/3oZbeWu>

# City of Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance

## May 1st – October 1st



### More about Conservation.

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City of Waukesha's Sprinkling Ordinance  
Social Media Post



Great Water Alliance

September 9, 2021 · 🌐



Even a small leak can amount to thousands of gallons of water lost. Learn more on our website about how you can save money and conserve water by finding and fixing leaks.

<https://bit.ly/3wtKJfs>



Finding & Fixing Leaks  
Social Media Post



Great Water Alliance

October 26, 2021 · 🌐



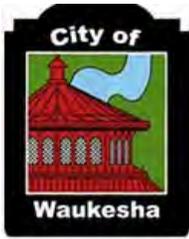
As temperatures drop, your lawn and garden will require less water to thrive. Overwatering isn't just wasteful, it can cause damage to your plants. Learn more easy ways to conserve water on our website. <https://bit.ly/3wtKJfs>



# Conserve water



Learn More Ways to Conserve Water  
on Waukesha Water Utility's Website  
Social Media Post



### 3. City of Waukesha's Electronic Newsletter

The City's Electronic Newsletter goes out every week to 5,130 people. In 2021, the Utility had the following conservation information listed in the E-Newsletters, as shown below and on the next page.

- *Fix a Leak Week* – we advertised information on finding and fixing leaks, along with information on the toilet and shower head rebates. The black *Fix a Leak* box, as shown below, is linked to WaterSense's Finding and Fixing Leaks webpage.



**Fix a Leak**

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD LEAKS WASTE

1 TRILLION GALLONS NATIONWIDE

water use in 11 MILLION+ homes

It's Fix A Leak Week! The Water Utility reminds you that a few minutes of your time fixing leaks could pay for itself in water savings. [Check out tips here.](#)

If you need to replace your toilet or shower head, you could qualify for a [\\$100 toilet rebate](#) or [\\$25 shower head rebate.](#)

**Fix a Leak**

Fix a Leak Week advertised in the City's Electronic Newsletter

- *National Drinking Water Week* – we advertised the toilet, showerhead, and rain barrel rebate programs and provided a link to the Utility’s conservation webpage.



### **National Drinking Water Week**

This week is National Drinking Water Week.

The Great Water Alliance project is working to bring safe, sustainable drinking water to the City. You can [read more on the project here](#).

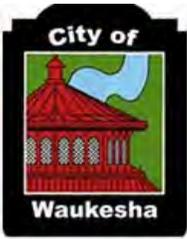
As we all know, water is a valuable resource. To encourage you to conserve, the Water Utility offers the following:

- [\\$20 Rain Barrel rebate program](#)
- [\\$100 WaterSense toilet rebate](#)
- [\\$25 WaterSense shower head rebate](#)

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Waukesha Water Utility

National Drinking Water Week Advertised in the City’s Electronic Newsletter



#### 4. City of Waukesha's Social Media

In 2021, information was posted on the City's social media for *Fix a Leak Week* and *National Drinking Water Week* as shown below and on the next page.

**The City of Waukesha**  
Published by Rebecca Pederson · March 15, 2021 ·

It's Fix A Leak Week! The Water Utility reminds you that a few minutes of your time fixing leaks could pay for itself in water savings: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>

If you need to replace your toilet or shower head, you could qualify for a \$100 toilet rebate or \$25 shower head rebate: <https://waukesha-water.com/.../Toilet-and-Showerhead...>

**THE FACTS ON LEAKS**

- 10** percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day
- A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than **3,000 gallons** per year
- Did you know?** Minor water leaks account for nearly **1** trillion gallons of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in nearly **11** million homes
- A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500** gallons per year
- Repair** leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary
- Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save
- Homeowners can save
- look for

Fix a Leak Week  
Social Media Post



The City of Waukesha

Published by Rebecca Pederson · May 4, 2021 ·



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Info: <https://waukesha-water.com/wtc.html>



National Drinking Water Week  
Social Media Post

## 5. Advertisement of the Toilet & Shower Head Rebate Program

The Utility has publicized the toilet & shower head rebate program in the following ways: messages on bills, bill inserts, ads placed in the City Park & Recreation's Activity Guide, rebate applications on display at Home Depot, and information is given to local plumbers. Information is also posted on the Utility's website, mentioned on the Utility's social media accounts, in press releases (as shown in the Fix a Leak Week & National Drinking Water Week sections), in newsletters, and at public outreach/educational events.

### a. Messages on water bills for all customer classes

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

"\$100 rebates are available for 1.28 gpf toilets and \$25 rebates are available for shower heads. For detailed information, please visit [www.waukesha-water.com](http://www.waukesha-water.com)"

### b. Bill Insert:

Bill inserts are sent out annually to all customer classes informing them of the 1.28 gpf toilet rebate. In addition, the bill inserts also inform customers where they can purchase rain barrels, that it is not necessary to water the lawn, toilets should be checked twice a year for leaks, and dripping faucets can usually be easily and inexpensively repaired.

#### Did you know...

- ◆ If you replace your old water guzzling toilet (3.5 gallon or more) with a 1.28 gpf (gallons per flush) WaterSense toilet, you may be eligible to receive a rebate from the Water Utility.
- ◆ You can purchase rain barrels through the Waukesha School District's Environmental Education Department (262-970-4333) or Retzer Nature Center (262-896-8007). Capturing rain water not only saves you money but is better for your garden, lawn, and plants because the water is not chlorinated.
- ◆ It is not necessary to water the lawn. It is natural for lawns to turn brown in the hottest months. The lawn doesn't die, it just goes dormant. The green lawn will return with the autumn rain.
- ◆ Toilets should be checked for leaks at least twice a year because they are one of the most common places where leaks occur. Hundreds of gallons of water per day can be wasted. Free Leak Detection Dye Tablets are available at the Utility.
- ◆ Dripping faucets are usually easily and inexpensively repaired by replacing the washer inside the handle. Check both internal and external faucets for leaks. See our website for videos on how to fix leaks.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at [www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/waterhome](http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/waterhome)

c. City's Park & Recreation Activity Guide:

The toilet and shower head rebate program was advertised in the City's Activity Guide. This Guide is on the City's website and is mailed out to approximately 30,000 homes three times a year.



The advertisement features a large green 'W' logo at the top. Below it, the text reads 'Waukesha Water Utility Water Conservation Programs'. Three illustrations are shown: a toilet with money falling out, a water-wasting showerhead, and a rain barrel. The main content consists of four bullet points, each with a bolded title and a rebate amount in a cursive font. The first bullet point is 'Replace a Water Guzzling Toilet Receive \$100'. The second is 'Replace a Water Wasting Showerhead Receive \$25'. The third is 'Install a Rain Barrel Receive \$20'. The fourth is 'Annual Sprinkling Ordinance (Before 9 am or After 5 pm)'. Below this, it specifies 'Odd Numbered Addresses – Tuesdays & Saturdays' and 'Even Numbered Addresses – Thursdays & Sundays'. At the bottom, it says 'See Details: [www.waukesha-water.com](http://www.waukesha-water.com)'.

- **Replace a Water Guzzling Toilet**  
*Receive \$100*
- **Replace a Water Wasting Showerhead**  
*Receive \$25*
- **Install a Rain Barrel**  
*Receive \$20*
- **Annual Sprinkling Ordinance**  
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Odd Numbered Addresses – Tuesdays & Saturdays  
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See Details: [www.waukesha-water.com](http://www.waukesha-water.com)



2021 Winter/Spring Activity Guide



2021 Summer Activity Guide



2021 Fall Activity Guide

Toilet, Showerhead, & Rain Barrel Rebate Ad in the City's Activity Guide

## 6. Irrigation System Ordinance Bill Insert

Bill inserts (as shown below) are sent out on an annual basis to all customer classes informing them of the Irrigation System Ordinance.

The first sentence of the postcard has the message that established lawns do not need to be watered. The Utility knows that some customers have sprinkler systems and are going to water their lawns; therefore, the Utility's Irrigation System Ordinance requires a WaterSense irrigation controller to help customers conserve water.

In addition to the bill insert, information regarding the Ordinance is also posted on the Utility's website.



Thinking about a  
Sprinkler System?



look for  
WaterSense  
Meets EPA Criteria

### City of Waukesha's Irrigation System Ordinance

Are you thinking about updating or installing a new sprinkling system? Check out Waukesha's Irrigation System Ordinance.

Homeowners and businesses can save between 30-50% on their summer water bills by following the Ordinance and installing an irrigation controller.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at:  
[www.waukesha-water.com/ord\\_codes.html](http://www.waukesha-water.com/ord_codes.html).

Irrigation System Ordinance Postcard

# WaterSense®



## 7. EPA's WaterSense National Fix a Leak Week

Waukesha Water Utility promoted Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense's annual Fix a Leak Week with the following activities:

- Messages were inserted on the Bills.

### Fix a Leak Week

Check your winter water bill. If you use 12,000 gallons or more per month, you may have a serious leak! Learn how to fix leaks at [www.waukesha-water/wtc.html](http://www.waukesha-water/wtc.html)."

- A press release
- Information on the home page of the Utility's website
- Social Media Post on the Utility's Twitter Account
- Classroom Materials on our website that teach students to check for toilet leaks.

The items, mentioned above, are shown on the following pages.



For Immediate Release

### Residents Encouraged to Test, Check, Replace During National Fix a Leak Week

Waukesha, WI – March 2021, Waukesha Water Utility encourages customers to check for leaks during this year's national Fix a Leak Week. "Leaks can cost families a lot of money," said Mary Adelmeyer, Customer Service Coordinator. "Toilet leaks tend to be invisible and are one of the most common leaks."

When toilets leak, hundreds of gallons of water a day can be wasted without the homeowner's knowledge. To identify silent toilet leaks, the Utility recommends doing a dye test - put 8-10 drops of food coloring into the tank and wait 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl before flushing, there is a leak. Below is a diagram on how to do the dye test.



While testing your toilet for leaks, Adelmeyer suggests checking the age of your toilet. Replacing toilets installed 1993 or earlier, with a WaterSense-labeled toilet can save homeowners approximately 13,000 gallons of water per year and \$200 on water and wastewater bills. If you live in the city of Waukesha, you may also qualify for a \$100 toilet rebate and a \$25 shower head rebate.

In addition to testing the toilet for leaks, check for dripping faucets, showerheads, irrigation systems, spigots, and other fixtures. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings.

For more information about the toilet rebate, or finding and fixing leaks, visit the utility's conservation page at [www.waukesha-water.com](http://www.waukesha-water.com).

Press Release for National Fix a Leak Week



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[New Water Supply Program](#)

[Utility and Commission](#)

[Conservation](#)



### **The great news about Great Lakes water.**

In June of 2016, the Great Lakes Compact unanimously approved Waukesha's application to borrow water through a pipeline from Lake Michigan, and then treat it and return it all to the lake via the Root River.

We pledge to keep everyone who may be affected fully informed, every step of the way. To that end, we developed [greatwateralliance.com](http://greatwateralliance.com), a website that will be the information hub for all things related to the project.

### **NEWS ROOM**

[National Fix a Leak Week](#)

**Pay Bill Online**

[Click Here](#)

Fix a Leak Week Information on the Utility's Website

WaukeshaWaterUtility Retweeted

 EPA WaterSense  @EPAwatersense · Mar 15, 2021

Fix a Leak Week starts today! Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of nearly 11 million homes. [#FixaLeak](#)



Annually household leaks waste

1 TRILLION gallons nationwide = water use in 11 MILLION+ homes

epa.gov/watersense

Social Media Post on Utility's Twitter Account

WaukeshaWaterUtility Retweeted

 EPA WaterSense  @EPAwatersense · Mar 18, 2021

Showerheads that leak are no fun - sometimes all they need is some tender care with a wrap of pipe tape and a tighten with a wrench. [#FixaLeak](#)



Take the 10-Minute Leak Challenge

Tighten showerhead connections with a wrench and pipe tape.

March 15-21, 2021

Fix a Leak Week

Social Media Post on Utility's Twitter Account

WaukeshaWaterUtility Retweeted



cityofwaukesha @CityofWaukesha · Mar 15, 2021

It's Fix A Leak Week! A few minutes of your time fixing leaks could pay for itself in water savings: [epa.gov/watersense/fix...](http://epa.gov/watersense/fix...)

If you need to replace your toilet or shower head, you could qualify for a \$100 toilet rebate or \$25 shower head rebate: [waukesha-water.com/downloads/Toil...](http://waukesha-water.com/downloads/Toil...)

The infographic is a grid of information about water leaks. At the top left, it states that 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day, with a large '10' in a blue circle. To the right, a blue bathtub icon contains the text '3,000 gallons per year'. Below this, a section titled 'Did you know?' explains that minor water leaks account for nearly 1 trillion gallons of wasted water each year, which is equal to the annual household water use in nearly 11 million homes. This section includes a map of the United States with the number '1' and a house icon with '11 million homes'. To the right of this, a shower head icon is shown with the text 'A shower leaking at 10 Drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year'. Below the shower head is a wrench icon and the word 'Repair', with a note to check faucet washers and gaskets. At the bottom, there are three boxes: 'Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save' with a toilet icon, 'Homeowners can save' with a piggy bank icon, and 'look for WaterSense' with the WaterSense logo.

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3,000 gallons per year

**Did you know?**  
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1 trillion gallons of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in nearly

11 million homes

A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500** gallons per year

**Repair**  
leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary

Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save

Homeowners can save

look for WaterSense

Social Media Post on Utility's Twitter Account



## Fix a Leak Week: Student Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Save Water & Money

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense partnership program, "an American home can waste on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks." That can cost your family a lot of money. That is why Waukesha Water Utility encourages you to use water wisely and check your home for leaks, during this year's national Fix a Leak Week. Try the activities and math problems on both sides of this sheet to see how fast water waste adds up.

### Little Leaks Waste Big Amounts of Water

| SIZE OF LEAK<br>(Diameter) | WATER WASTED<br>EACH QUARTER<br>(Assuming 60 lbs of pressure) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| • 1/32" drip               | 18,500 gallons                                                |
| • 1/16" trickle            | 74,000 gallons                                                |
| ● 1/8" stream              | 296,000 gallons                                               |
| ● 1/4" stream              | 1,181,500 gallons                                             |

#### **Toilet Leaks:**

Toilet leaks are one of the most common leaks. Toilet leaks tend to be invisible. Hundreds of gallons of water a day can be wasted on toilet leaks. The sound of water running in a toilet tank signals costly leakage. For this reason, it is recommended that toilets be checked for leaks at least twice each year.

#### **Activity #1: Test All Your Toilets for Leaks, with the help of your parent.**

Checking a toilet for leaks is easy!

Take lid off the back of the toilet tank.

Put ONE of the attached leak detection tablets into the tank of the toilet.

Do NOT flush the toilet.

Wait for 20 minutes.

If you have another toilet, test that toilet for leaks too by repeating the directions above.

If colored water from the dye tab appears in the bowl within 20 minutes, you have a leak.

Make sure to flush the colored water as soon as the 20 minutes is up, otherwise the coloring may stain.

(Please continue on to page 2 →)

P:\Conservation\Fix a Leak Week\Student Activity Worksheet

**Activity #2: Record your Data & Calculate How Many Gallons of Water Your Toilet Uses**

1. How many toilets do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ Did you test all your toilets for leaks? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does your toilet leak? (Did the dye color appear in the bowl?)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #2

3. How old is your toilet? (The year of the toilet can be found on the underside of the tank lid. The date of the manufacture is often stamped into the porcelain.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Year

4. What is the size, make, and model of the toilet? (this information may be found in the toilet tank or under the tank lid.)

Toilet #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size Make Model

Toilet #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size Make Model

5. Using a ruler on the outside of the toilet tank, measure the water level (Be sure to measure in feet – answers maybe recorded with decimals or fractions.)

Toilet #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tank Length Tank Width Side Water Depth

Toilet #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tank Length Tank Width Side Water Depth

6. Calculate how many cubic feet of water is in the tank. (Multiply Length x Width x Depth) \_\_\_\_\_ cu. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ cu. ft.  
 Toilet #1 Toilet #2

7. Calculate how many gallons of water your toilet uses for every flush. (Multiply the cubic feet x 7.47 = Gallons per Flush) \_\_\_\_\_ gals. \_\_\_\_\_ gals.  
 Toilet #1 Toilet #2



**\$100 Toilet Rebate**



8. Is your toilet a pre-1994 toilet? (Look at your answer in #3) \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #2

9. Does your toilet use 3.5 gallons/flush or more? (Look at your answer in #7) \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #2

10. Does your family get a water bill from Waukesha Water Utility? (Ask your parents) \_\_\_\_\_

11. If you answered yes to #8, #9, and #10, your family could be eligible to get up to \$100 per toilet for replacing their old water guzzling toilet. Is your family eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet #2

12. Have you told your parents about this \$100 toilet rebate? \_\_\_\_\_

If your family is eligible, the old toilet needs to be replaced with a WaterSense 1.28 gpf toilet. Your parents can call the Waukesha Water Utility at (262) 521-5272 or visit our website for more information at [www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/waterhome](http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/waterhome).

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date



## **8. National Drinking Water Week**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was National Drinking Water Week. In honor of this week, the Utility had a press release that talked about the importance of protecting/conserving water.

In addition, the press release also mentioned the Mayoral Proclamation for National Drinking Water Week and reminded customers about the water conservation programs and incentives that are available through the Utility.

Information was posted on our website. Copies of these items are shown on the following pages.



# Waukesha Water Utility

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For Immediate Release

## Rain Barrel Rebate Program & National Drinking Water Week

**Waukesha, WI** – As Mayor Shawn Reilly commemorates National Drinking Water Week with a Mayoral Proclamation, the Water Utility reminds customers about the new Rain Barrel rebate program.

“Harvesting rain water is easy and a great way to conserve water,” says Mary Adelmeyer of the Waukesha Water Utility. “A 50-60 gallon rain barrel, which connects to a downspout to capture rain water, can collect a surprising amount of water: 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an inch of rain falling on a 1,000 square foot rooftop can fill a 50-gallon barrel. That’s 50 free gallons of naturally soft, chlorine-free water which is great for watering your flowers and plants, washing off your boots, washing the car or bike, or any other outdoor activities.”

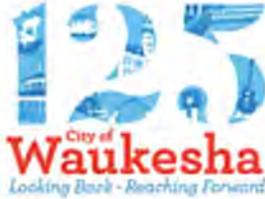
Rain barrels can be purchased from local hardware stores. Rain barrels cost approximately \$70-\$100. To qualify for the \$20 rain barrel rebate, Adelmeyer tells us that the rain barrels must be installed in the utility’s service area, the original purchase receipt must be submitted within 90 days of purchase, and post-installation pictures must be included with the rebate application, which can be found on the utility’s website. Adelmeyer also shared that rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.

In addition to the rain barrel rebates, the utility is also reminding customers about the \$100 WaterSense toilet rebate and the \$25 WaterSense shower head rebate.

The Mayor tells us that “National Drinking Water Week is the perfect time to remind people of the importance of conserving water; and to inform city residents and businesses about the water conservation programs and incentives that are available through the Waukesha Water Utility to help us conserve.”

For more detailed information, please visit the conservation section on the utility’s website at [www.waukesha-water.com](http://www.waukesha-water.com).

Press Release Regarding National Drinking Water Week



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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**National Drinking Water Week  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, water is one of our most important natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, each citizen and business in our City has a responsibility to protect and conserve water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waukesha Water Utility has encouraged and will continue to encourage businesses to conserve water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waukesha Water Utility offers grant money to businesses that replace equipment with new technology that saves water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waukesha Water Utility encourages and provides \$100 rebates to residents to replace all pre-1994 toilets with 1.28 gpf WaterSense toilets, as well as, \$25 WaterSense showerhead rebates, and \$20 rain barrel rebates; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens and businesses are urged to comply with all sprinkling and irrigation system ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, we are all stewards of our water resources and infrastructure so that future generations will also have clean sustainable water; and

**WHEREAS**, Waukesha has begun construction of the historic Great Water Alliance project for Lake Michigan water, ensuring that our drinking water supply will be sustainable and reliable for generations to come;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, proclaim May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as

**NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK**

And ask that we recognize the essential role that drinking water plays in our daily lives.

Signed this 4th day of May, 2021.

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha



## 9. Tips on How to Prevent Water Pipes from Freezing & Breaking

Broken water pipes waste a lot of water. To prevent pipes from freezing and breaking, the Utility puts the annual press release in the Waukesha Freeman and on the Utility's website. The press release is shown below.

**For Immediate Release**

**Waukesha Water Utility**

# Press Release

Contact:  
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### Prevent Freezing Pipes

Waukesha, WI, - February 12, 2021 Cold weather and wind chills means we can expect frozen water pipes and water damage if exposed areas aren't properly insulated or we aren't careful about winter heating. Here are some problem areas, warning signals and tips to minimize the chance of freezing water pipes.

#### **PROBLEM AREAS**

- Pipes near broken or open basement windows
- Unheated crawl spaces and equipment rooms
- Pipes near the foundation or cracks in the basement wall
- Pipes near exterior wall in unheated room
- Inadequate heating in un-insulated or uncovered outside pit
- Pipes under kitchen sinks or cupboards

#### **WARNING SIGNS OF FREEZE**

- Unusually cold water temperature (less than 35° F) at any fixture
- Unusually low water flow at a fixture
- Discolored water at a fixture
- Low water pressure at a fixture
- Extremely cold piping at a fixture
- Sputtering sound when opening a fixture

#### **THAWING FROZEN PIPES**

- It's safest to use hot air from a hair dryer or exhaust from a vacuum cleaner
- Use heat tape, but with caution, and unplug when finished

#### **PREVENTION**

- Check water temperature and run a little water if unusually cold
- Shut off and drain outside water faucets before freezing occurs
- Run small amounts of water from highest faucet until full flow returns
- Insulate walls near exposed piping
- Repair cold air leaks to reduce drafts on piping and meter

#### **CAUTION**

- To prevent fires, never thaw with an open flame or torch
- Be careful if pipe is cracked, it will spray water into electrical appliances when thawed
- Check and clear drains to prevent basement flooding in case of pipe burst
- Know where the main shut-off valve is located so you can turn it off quickly in case a pipe bursts

If you need additional information, please contact the Customer Service Department of the Waukesha Water Utility at (262) 521-5272.

Prevent Freezing Pipes  
Press Release



## **B. Community Presentations & Public Outreach Events**

In 2021, because of the COVID pandemic, there were only a few community presentations and public outreach events; and some of these events were switched to virtual to ensure public safety.

1. Zoom Meeting with Realtors
2. Meeting with Alderman McElderry
3. EWRI Congressional Recording
4. AWWA Fly In Virtual Meetings with members of Congress
5. Zoom Meeting with 3 Senators
6. Booster Pump Open House
7. Waukesha Department Heads Interview Meeting
8. WEFTEC International Round Table Event
9. ASME Presentation

The detailed information pertaining to this year's presentations and outreach events follows.



## **1. Zoom Meeting with the Realtors' Association**

The Wisconsin Realtors Association in Waukesha had questions regarding water quality issues and projected rate increases. Realtors were very concerned that people would not want to buy houses in Waukesha, due to the radium issue and the rate increases to obtain a new water source. The Realtors' Association held a zoom meeting with Dan Duchniak to ask questions and voice their concerns.

Dan talked to the realtors about why Waukesha needs a new water source. He explained how getting a reliable and sustainable water supply, would make the city of Waukesha a desirable place to live, now and for future generations.

Dan shared information about the Application process, about the 14 alternative sources that were researched, and talked about why Lake Michigan is the most reasonable alternative.

He also talked about the projected rates for the typical residential family and about the Utility switching to monthly billing, which would provide more timely information about customers' water use.

Dan also talked about the ways people could lower their water bills. He shared information about the Utility's conservation program, including information about the rebates that are available. He also mentioned that customers would save money on the salt they purchase for their water softeners, because Lake Michigan's water is 70% softer.

Finally, Dan explained what the City has done to lessen the possible increases. Dan talked about how the city saved money by purchasing water from the City of Milwaukee. He shared information about how local officials worked with the Federal Government, to obtain low cost federal interest loans, and with the local and state legislators, to help with the terms for state infrastructure loans.



## 2. **Meeting with Alderman McElderbury**

Mr. McElderbury is a new alderman for the city of Waukesha. Dan Duchniak meets with all new alderpersons and gives them an introduction to the Utility. The introduction includes the history of the Utility, a discussion of the rates, and a lot of time is spent talking about the Great Water Alliance project (all the work prior to construction along with a current update), and a discussion about Waukesha's conservation program.



# Environmental & Water Resources Institute

## 3. EWRI Congressional Recording

Per the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) website, the Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) is a technical source for environmental and water-related issues. It allows the water community to share existing knowledge, combined with research and resources, to develop best practices for a healthy and sustainable environment.

In April 2021, Waukesha Water Utility took part in the EWRI congress by presenting information on the Great Lakes water project, including the Utility's water conservation program and its role in the new water supply development.

## Conserving water makes sense for Waukesha

- Outdoor sprinkling restrictions
- Inclining block water rates to encourage conservation
- Rebate Programs
  - Toilet Rebates
  - Shower Head Rebates
  - Rain Barrel Rebates
  - Business Incentives
- Public education and outreach





**American Water Works  
Association**

*Dedicated to the World's Most Important Resource®*



## AWWA shifts Water Matters! Fly-In to virtual event in April 2021

### 4. AWWA Fly-In Event

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) held a virtual event that allowed AWWA members to meet virtually with members of Congress to voice support for water policies and legislation.

Waukesha Water Utility had the opportunity to meet with Representatives Grothman, Steil, and Kind, and Congressman Tiffany and Congresswoman Moore. During these meetings Dan Duchniak was able to talk with the delegates about Waukesha's water supply issues and how Waukesha's conservation program meets the NR852 requirements. Dan also shared information about how implementing a state wide water conservation and efficiency legislation would impact other water utilities in Wisconsin.



## 5. Zoom Meetings with Staff Members for Senators Johnson, Fitzgerald, and Baldwin

Waukesha Water Utility's General Manager, Dan Duchniak, had a zoom meeting with staff members for Senator Ron Johnson, Senator Scott Fitzgerald, and Senator Tammy Baldwin. Dan provided a status update on the GWA water project, talked about the Utility's conservation program, and how the establishment of state legislation on water conservation impacts new water supply development for Wisconsin water utilities.

**Waukesha  
Open House**  
Monday,  
August 2nd

6:00-7:30PM

Waukesha City Hall,  
Council Chambers

201 Delafield Street  
Waukesha, WI 53188



## 6. Booster Pump Open House Meeting

GWA hosted an in-person open house at Waukesha City Hall for people to learn about why Waukesha needs a new water source, to learn about the new booster pumping station, to get an update on the construction of the project, and to get information about the conservation plan/rebates, etc.



## 7. Waukesha Department Heads Interview Meeting

The City of Waukesha has a Leadership program that focuses on developing and enhancing leadership skills that empowers participants to assume leadership roles in their community and to further their careers. One of the project assignments for the participants is to interview the City department managers.

Dan Duchniak talked about his role at the Utility. He talked about the Great Lakes project, including the Application process, the Utility's conservation program (including rebates that are available), and the water supply service area plan, etc.



October 16, 2021 - October 20, 2021  
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**WEFTEC Connect**

*94th Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference*

Conference: October 16 - 20, 2021

Exhibition: October 18 - 20, 2021

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## 8. WEFTEC International Round Table Event

The Water Environment Federation is a program that promotes high quality drinking water and sanitation services for everyone in the world. They host annual technical exhibition and conferences.

In October 2021, Dan Duchniak participated in the International Round Table Event where he met Utility representatives from other countries and talked with them about the water supply issues in Wisconsin.

In addition, Dan talked about Waukesha's GWA project, about the Application process, and spent the majority of the time talking about the specifics of Waukesha's water conservation program. Dan also asked the attendees to share ideas for water conservation that they implemented in their countries.



## MILWAUKEE SECTION

### 9. **ASME Presentation**

In November 2021, The Milwaukee Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) hosted a webinar and Dan Duchniak gave an update on Waukesha's construction project for the new water source.

Dan presented information about Waukesha's need for a sustainable and safe new water supply. Dan talked about Waukesha's depleted aquifer and water quality issues. He also talked about the Application process, the conservation program, and the new infrastructure that has to be built to bring Lake Michigan water to Waukesha (which includes the pipelines, a booster pumping station, reservoirs, and a new water tower).

Dan also talked about the discharge techniques. He informed the audience that after Waukesha uses the water, 100 percent of the water would be treated and returned to Lake Michigan. Dan explained that we would return the water via the Root River; and talked about the sustainability and environmental benefits.

- **[ASME Milwaukee Webinar - November 9, 2021 - "Getting Lake Michigan Water to Waukesha, WI"](#)**

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This month, the ASME Milwaukee Section will be hosting a webinar presented by Dan Duchniak, P.E., the General Manager of the Waukesha Water Utility. Dan will discuss a brief background of why the City of Waukesha is pursuing Great Lakes water and then will provide an update on construction of the project. The construction overview will cover the water supply and return flow main construction techniques. There is no charge for this event but a \$10/\$20 donation to our student chapters is suggested.

For more information and to register:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=hpcqvigab&oeidk=a07eiqpskdz0355ed16>Posted

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## **C. Water Education with the Youth – Tomorrow’s Future**

Waukesha Water Utility plans for the future by educating our youth.



### **1. Waukesha School District’s 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

For the past 31 years, Waukesha Water Utility has partnered with the Waukesha School District to provide water education to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. As part of their Environmental & Science Curriculum, the students study the natural cycles of water and the human impact on our water resources. Thousands of students have toured the Utility’s pumping station. At the station, they learn about the following:

- the water cycle
- where their water comes from
- how their water is treated and distributed
- the quality and quantity of the water they use
- conservation methods that use water resources in a sustainable manner
- the costs of municipal water, and its value compared to bottled water

The students also explore the natural cycles of water by spending a day in the Fox River Sanctuary investigating the chemical and biological components of the river and marsh.

In 2021 due to the pandemic and schools being closed or held remotely, the water education classes did not occur.



## 2. Waukesha County Boy Scouts

On an annual basis, the Waukesha Water Utility partners with the Waukesha County Boy Scouts, to help the boys earn their Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge.

According to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), in order to earn this badge, the boys need to learn “about the natural resources on which our lives depend, so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.”

The water portion requirements of the badge program, as stated in their *Soil & Water Conservation Merit Badge Series* BSA No. 610016, are the following:

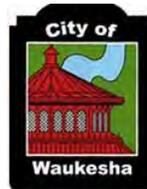
- Take a tour of a public drinking water treatment plant,
- Explain what a watershed is,
- Make a drawing to show the hydrologic cycle,
- Tell what is meant by water pollution and describe common sources, and
- Write a report of more than 500 words about the soil, water, and energy conservation practices.

The Utility’s water education presentation covers all the above required water topics, including pictures of the water treatment plant and the distribution process.

In 2021, due to the Covid pandemic, this event did not take place.

## D. Partnerships

Waukesha Water Utility has many partnerships. Below are some of the partnerships that, in some way, have already been mentioned throughout the report.



Boy Scouts of America



**VII. WATER LOSSES AND ACCOUNTED FOR WATER**

Per NR 852.04 and PSC 185 the Utility performs and documents water use audits on a monthly basis. A summary of 2021 is as follows. Data is entered into the format below.

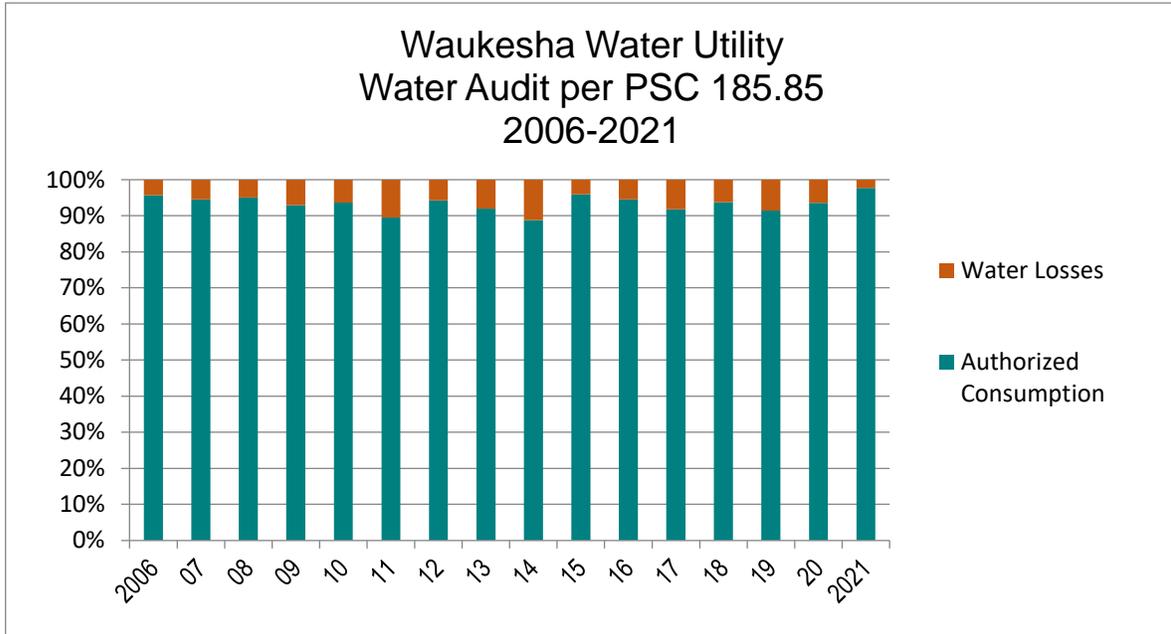
| <b>Data Input</b> |                                  | 2021 Total           |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|                   |                                  |                      |
|                   | Sales - Metered                  | 1,853,721,350        |
|                   | Sales - Est. Consumption         | 0                    |
|                   |                                  |                      |
|                   | Plant                            | 145,700              |
|                   | Water Analyzer Water Flow (9)    | 793,920              |
|                   | Filter Back wash                 |                      |
|                   | # 3                              | 3,611,000            |
|                   | # 8                              | 4,295,000            |
|                   | # 10                             | 5,535,000            |
|                   | Flushing                         |                      |
|                   | Mains                            | 8,316,000            |
|                   | Services                         | 0                    |
|                   |                                  |                      |
|                   | Main Breaks                      | 3,756,000            |
|                   | Morgan Ave                       | 0                    |
|                   | Service Breaks                   | 200,000              |
|                   | Filling Mains / New Construction | 428,300              |
|                   | Fire (524-3647)                  | 611,061              |
|                   |                                  |                      |
|                   | Misc: Specify                    |                      |
|                   | Cleaned Saylesville Reserv       | 0                    |
|                   | Well #10 Filter Rehab            | 0                    |
|                   | Eliminate 16" valve on North St  | 0                    |
|                   | Hydrant Repairs                  | 19,500               |
|                   | Hydrant Replacement              | 19,500               |
|                   | Hydrant Surveys                  | 23,500               |
|                   | Valve replacements (2)           | 40,500               |
|                   | Fire Flow Test                   | 19,197               |
|                   |                                  |                      |
|                   | Leakage & Overflows at Towers    | 1,064                |
|                   |                                  |                      |
|                   | <b>Total Pumped</b>              | <b>1,923,146,000</b> |

Then the raw data is converted into the Water Balance categories specified in PSC 185.

| <b>Water Balance</b>   |                               |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|                        |                               | <u>2021 Total</u> |
|                        | System Input Volume =         | 1,923,146,000     |
|                        |                               |                   |
|                        | Authorized Consumption =      | 1,877,579,528     |
|                        | Water Losses =                | 45,566,472        |
|                        |                               | 1,923,146,000     |
|                        |                               |                   |
|                        | Authorized - Billed =         | 1,853,721,350     |
|                        | Authorized - UnBilled =       | 23,858,178        |
|                        | Losses - Apparent =           | 41,609,408        |
|                        | Losses - Real =               | 3,957,064         |
|                        |                               | 1,923,146,000     |
|                        |                               |                   |
| Authorized Consumption | Billed & Metered              | 1,853,721,350     |
|                        | Billed & UnMetered            | 0                 |
|                        | UnBilled & Metered            | 22,696,620        |
|                        | UnBilled & UnMetered          | 1,161,558         |
| Water Losses           | Unauthorized Consumption      | 41,609,408        |
|                        | Meter Inaccuracies            |                   |
|                        | Data Handling Errors          |                   |
|                        | Main Breaks                   | 3,756,000         |
|                        | Leakage & Overflows at Towers | 1,064             |
|                        | Service Breaks                | 200,000           |
|                        |                               | 1,923,146,000     |
|                        |                               |                   |
|                        | Revenue Water =               | 1,853,721,350     |
|                        | Non Revenue Water =           | 69,424,650        |
|                        |                               | 1,923,146,000     |

The summary, above, indicates that in 2021, 2.4% of the Utility's water was lost. This loss is far less than the 15% that has historically triggered a comprehensive survey and corrective action plan.

The stability of the statistics over the last sixteen years and the data itself is indicative of a diligently maintained distribution system. (The Utility reformatted its data from 2006 forward so that its display is consistent with the 2012 requirements.) Accounted for Water ranges between 88.8% and 97.6%.



The results are achieved because the Utility routinely repairs and replaces water services, hydrants and valves. In 2015, the Utility initiated Hydrant Leak Surveys as part of its semi-annual flushing program.

In 2021, the Utility staff surveyed 1,174 hydrants. Any hydrants that were found to be leaking were repaired immediately.

In addition, the Utility replaced 8,393 feet of water main in 2021 compared to 10,551 feet in 2020. AWWA's 1% replacement goal represents roughly 17,600 feet.

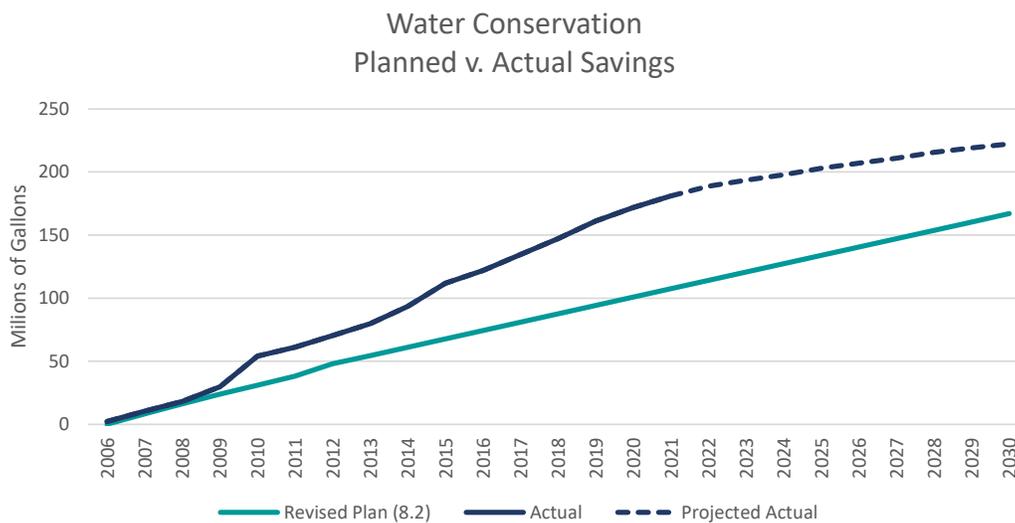
## VIII. CONCLUSION

| Year | Annual Pumpage | Avg Day Pumpage | MILLIONS OF GALLONS |            |            |             |              |              |              |      |      |       | Peak Day                                          | Notes                    |
|------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|      |                |                 | < 7.8               | 7.8 to 8.8 | 8.8 to 9.0 | 9.0 to 10.0 | 10.0 to 11.0 | 11.0 to 12.0 | 12.0 to 13.0 | >7.8 | >8.8 |       |                                                   |                          |
|      |                |                 | Number of Days      |            |            |             |              |              |              |      |      |       |                                                   |                          |
| 2021 | 1,923,146      | 5,269           | 362                 | 3          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | -    | 3    | -     | 8.35                                              |                          |
| 2020 | 1,933,288      | 5,282           | 365                 | 1          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | 1    | -    | -     | 8.14                                              |                          |
| 2019 | 2,039,436      | 5,587           | 365                 | -          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | -    | -    | -     | 7.72                                              |                          |
| 2018 | 2,068,522      | 5,667           | 362                 | 3          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | 3    | -    | -     | 8.50                                              |                          |
| 2017 | 2,128,111      | 5,830           | 365                 | -          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | -    | -    | -     | 7.55                                              |                          |
| 2016 | 2,172,548      | 5,952           | 362                 | 3          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | 3    | -    | -     | 8.17                                              |                          |
| 2015 | 2,218,214      | 6,077           | 358                 | 7          | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | 7    | -    | -     | 8.72                                              | Mild summer temperatures |
| 2014 | 2,314,582      | 6,341           | 340                 | 21         | 2          | 1           | 1            | -            | -            | 25   | 4    | 10.14 | Feb 6th Water Runs                                |                          |
| 2013 | 2,348,955      | 6,435           | 346                 | 15         | 2          | 2           | -            | -            | -            | 19   | 4    | 9.06  |                                                   |                          |
| 2012 | 2,536,368      | 6,930           | 297                 | 38         | 3          | 22          | 6            | -            | -            | 69   | 31   | 10.77 | Drought Year                                      |                          |
| 2011 | 2,545,099      | 6,973           | 318                 | 44         | 1          | 2           | -            | -            | -            | 47   | 3    | 9.22  |                                                   |                          |
| 2010 | 2,441,221      | 6,688           | 342                 | 23         | -          | -           | -            | -            | -            | 23   | -    | -     | 8.65                                              | Fairly Rainy Summer      |
| 2009 | 2,479,905      | 6,794           | 330                 | 32         | 2          | 1           | -            | -            | -            | 35   | 3    | 9.35  | 2nd set inclining rates blocks - June             |                          |
| 2008 | 2,528,933      | 6,910           | 328                 | 30         | 6          | 2           | -            | -            | -            | 38   | 8    | 9.93  | Spring Flooding                                   |                          |
| 2007 | 2,618,641      | 7,174           | 292                 | 51         | 8          | 14          | -            | -            | -            | 73   | 22   | 9.79  | Inclining rate blocks - June; Dry year except Aug |                          |
| 2006 | 2,622,418      | 7,185           | 294                 | 61         | 1          | 8           | 1            | -            | -            | 71   | 10   | 10.23 | Rainy Year; Sprinkling ordinance in effect        |                          |

The data, above, shows the combined effect of our conservation programs. Over time:

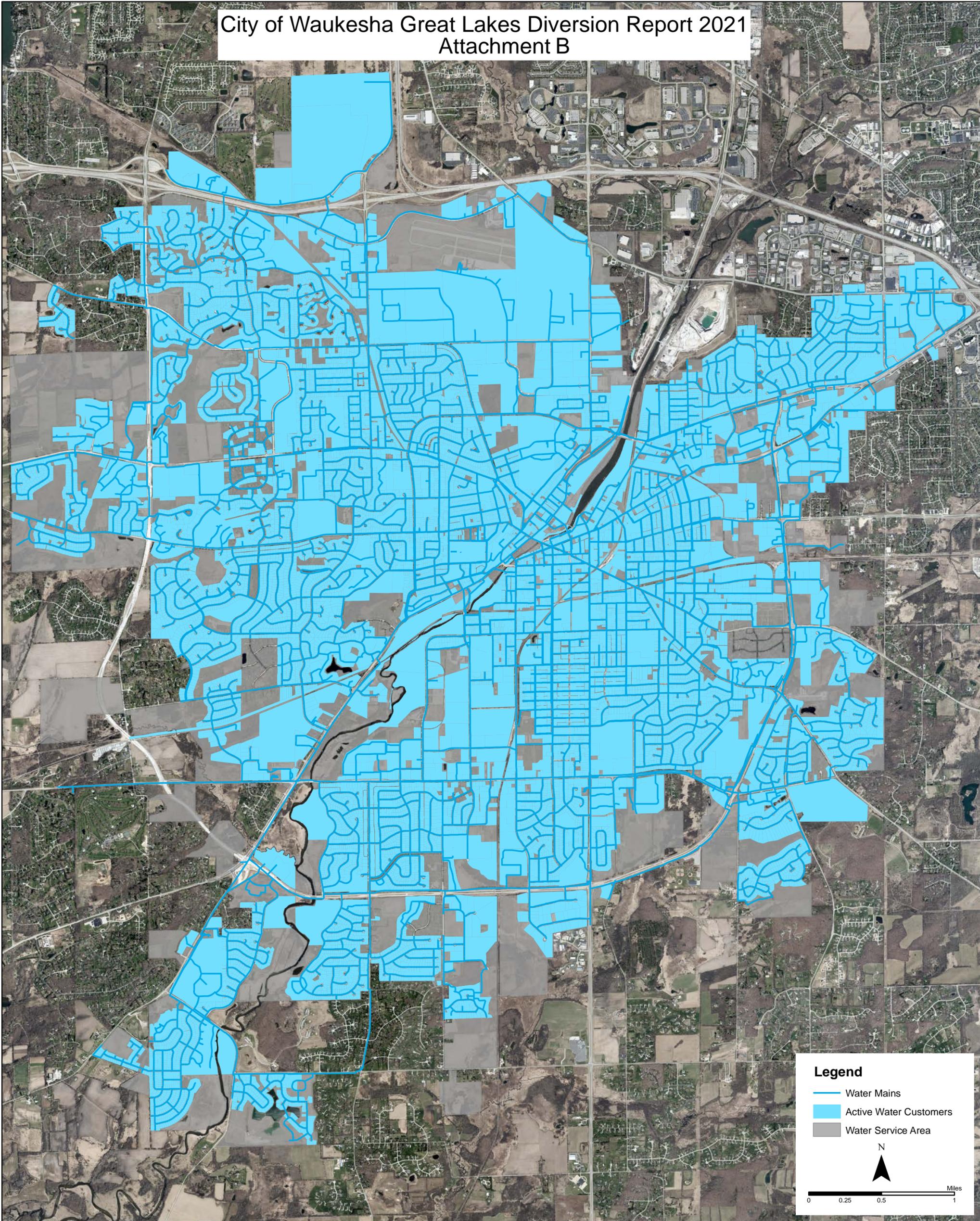
- Total water pumped has steadily declined
- Average day pumpage has steadily declined
- The number of days where >7.8 million gallons needed to be pumped has decreased from a high of 140 in 2005 to a low of 0 in 2017 and 2019.

Ultimately, the Utility must compare it's savings to that of the 2012 Conservation Plan. The plan predicted savings of 167,100,000 by the year 2030. The actual and projected savings are below.



If it stays on track, the Utility will exceed its goal of saving 0.8 mgd by 2050.

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Attachment B



**Legend**

- Water Mains
- Active Water Customers
- Water Service Area

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0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Subject</b>     | <b>City of Waukesha Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products Reduction Program</b> |             |              |
| <b>Client</b>      | City of Waukesha                                                                    | <b>Date</b> | May 13, 2021 |
| <b>Project</b>     | Waukesha Water Utility (WWU) Great Lakes Water Supply Program                       |             |              |
| <b>Project No.</b> | D3235900                                                                            |             |              |

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The City of Waukesha (City) received approval of its application for diverting Lake Michigan water with return flow on June 24, 2016 (Application Approval). As a condition of the Application Approval, the City is required to implement a Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products (PPCP) Reduction Program prior to the diversion commencing. The specific requirement of Condition G of the Application Approval includes:

***Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products Recycling and Impacts.** The Applicant [City of Waukesha] must implement a comprehensive pharmaceutical and personal care products recycling program and continually use the best available methods to encourage the further reduction of such products into the wastewater as recommended by the Originating Party [Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources].*

The purpose of this document is to summarize the City's plan for complying with Condition G.

## 1. Background

The City operates the Clean Water Plant (CWP) to provide wastewater treatment to the City residents and a small number of surrounding residential areas. There are various existing programs required as part of the CWP discharge permit that reduce volume and constituents in the wastewater conveyed to the CWP. These programs include an inflow and infiltration reduction program to reduce clear-water in the sewers, a pretreatment program for industrial and commercial users, a mercury reduction program that includes school and dental office mercury reduction and recovery, and a chloride reduction program that includes source reduction for salt use through water softeners and road/sidewalk deicing. The CWP has also partnered for several years with the City's engineering and Department of Public Works (DPW), the police department, and Waukesha County to coordinate efforts related to PPCP reduction. The current PPCP reduction programs by the City include:

Medication Disposal Collection Boxes or Kiosks at the following locations:

- Waukesha Police Department front lobby located at 1901 Delafield Street, Waukesha.
- Waukesha County Sheriff's Department lobby at 515 W. Moreland Boulevard, Waukesha.
- Waukesha Memorial Hospital pharmacy located at 725 American Avenue, Waukesha.
- Walgreens located at 221 E Sunset Drive, Waukesha.
- CVS located at 130 W. Sunset Drive, Waukesha.
- Meijer pharmacy located at 801 E Sunset Drive, Waukesha.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Collection Events (twice per year):

- Waukesha Police Department
- Waukesha County Sheriff

Public Education:

- Provides "FAQs" on CWP website regarding proper disposal of unwanted prescription medications with a link to the City police department's drug disposal program.
- City police department website promotes their collection box.
- Waukesha County Sheriff website promotes their collection box.
- Collection event publicity by City and County.

The City will expand their PPCP Reduction Program focusing on source reduction through education, collection, and collaboration as described herein. An anticipated schedule for completing the tasks is summarized below for each program element.

## 2. Source Reduction Through Education

Public education is an important element of the Program to prevent PPCP from entering the wastewater collection system. By March 1, 2022 the City will implement PPCP source reduction through public education using the following activities:

- Include resource information on City websites, including the CWP, DPW solid waste and recycling, and the police department. Resource information will include topics such as:
  - frequently asked questions;
  - disposal best practices;
  - disposal prohibitions such as never disposing of PPCP in a drain or toilet;
  - permanent collection and drop-off locations;
  - links for additional resources such as Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Product Stewardship Institute;
  - collection and drop-off events;
  - encouraging full use of personal care products (PCP) to minimize product requiring disposal and to reduce purchase of replacement product as a means to achieve source reduction;
  - information regarding the benefits to water quality to the receiving waters; and
  - City contact information for residents to provide comments on the Reduction Program.

*Update as appropriate.*

- Utilize the community messaging board on the City's website homepage to include local PPCP collection opportunities. *Complete before collection events.*
- Periodically publish PPCP best-practices and frequently asked questions in DPW newsletter.
- Create periodic fliers for PPCP best practices and frequently asked questions for inclusion in water and sewer bills.
- Utilize other relevant communication tools, such as social media, to educate the public of PPCP collection events. *Complete before collection events.*

## 3. Source Reduction Through Collection and Reuse

Publicizing pharmaceutical collection opportunities that include continuous drop-off opportunities, such as the police department, or specific drop-off events, will be an important element of the Reduction Program. The City will implement source reduction through pharmaceutical collection using the following activities:

- Promote the pharmaceutical collection location at the police department through media such as newsletters, utility bill mailings, and the City's police and CWP webpage and emails. *Implement by March 1, 2022 and repeat or update as appropriate.*
- Promote pharmacy collection (e.g. Walgreens) through media such as newsletters, utility bill mailings, and the City's webpage, emails and social media. *Implement by March 1, 2022 and repeat or update as appropriate.*
- Coordinate with other entities to promote pharmaceutical drop-off events, such as with the County household hazardous waste collection events, specific events at the police and sheriff departments, or specific community events sponsored by the City (e.g. Earth Day events, farmers markets, festivals, summer music festivals, etc.). *Implement by March 1, 2023 and repeat as appropriate.*
- Promote PCP reuse opportunities available to City residents. *Implement by March 1, 2023 and repeat as appropriate.*

#### **4. Source Reduction Through Collaboration**

The City will implement PPCP source reduction through collaboration with existing programs and initiatives by March 1, 2023 using the following activities:

- Develop educational materials that stress the importance of proper disposal of PPCP for significant PPCP sources in the City, such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, veterinary clinics, pharmacies, agribusiness if applicable, and hotels. *Repeat as appropriate.*
- Collaborate with local pharmacies to promote increasing the number of collection locations. This will entail contacting pharmacies within the City that do not currently have unused drug drop off programs to see if they could add this service. *Repeat when additional pharmacies open.*
- Obtain resource materials from the WI Pharmaceutical Waste Working Group, through participating in webinars or reviewing literature provided through an email distribution, for consideration in adaptively managing the PPCP program. *Repeat every other year to determine if new information is available.*
- Sign-up for email lists and complete an annual review of the WDNR, Product Stewardship Institute, and other similar websites to obtain resource materials for consideration in adaptively managing the PPCP program.
- Coordinate with County and sheriff's department for updating their public communication platforms, such as websites and social media, with updated information and events within the City. *Repeat as appropriate.*
- Collaborate with potentially significant sources of PCP in the City to identify opportunities for source reduction, reuse, and safe disposal. This may entail contacting hotels/motels within the CWP service area to discuss how personal care products such as unused soap, shampoo, and lotion are managed. *Repeat as appropriate.*
- Identify local opportunities for donating unopened PCP (e.g., to shelters). *Repeat as appropriate.*

#### **5. Reporting and Updating the Program**

The City will provide program updates from the past year as part of the annual reporting required for the diversion. The annual report will consist of proposed changes to the program including additional tasks, schedule revisions, and appropriate deletions. The City will review the program during its annual reporting to identify areas where the program could be modified as appropriate. The program will be adaptively managed to reduce PPCP in the wastewater for the City's specific demographics.

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Subject</b>     | <b>City of Waukesha Post-Return Flow Root River Monitoring Program</b> |             |                   |
| <b>Client</b>      | City of Waukesha                                                       | <b>Date</b> | November 18, 2020 |
| <b>Project</b>     | Waukesha Water Utility (WWU) Great Lakes Water Supply Program          |             |                   |
| <b>Project No.</b> | D3235900                                                               |             |                   |

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### **Condition I of Application Approval:**

*Monitoring of Root River Flow.* For a minimum of 10 years from the beginning of return flow to the Basin, the Applicant must implement a scientifically sound plan to monitor the mainstem of the Root River to determine changes that may have resulted from return flow (such as volumes, water temperatures, water quality and periodicity of discharge) in order to adapt future return flow to minimize potential adverse impacts or maximize potential benefits to water dependent resources of the Basin source watershed (i.e., Lake Michigan).

### **Monitoring Objective:**

Monitor the mainstem of Root River upstream and downstream of the return flow discharge location to assess the impact and need of adaptively managing the return flow as required in Condition I of the Application Approval.

### **Monitoring Program:**

The monitoring will be completed under a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and will utilize certified laboratories. The City of Waukesha (City) and field teams will collaborate with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) if deviation from standard protocols are needed to accommodate site specific conditions. The monitoring will support assessing Condition I through answering the following questions:

- Volume and Periodicity of Discharge
  - What impact did return flow have on the flow rate change in the Root River upstream and downstream of return flow?
  - What impact did the return flow have on the water level?
- Water Temperature
  - Has the river temperature changed upstream and downstream of return flow?
  - Are there seasonal differences to changes in temperature?
  - If there is a temperature change (i.e. increase) with return flow, what is the spatial extent of the impact caused by return flow?

- Water Quality
  - Has the river water quality changed upstream and downstream of return flow with the addition of return flow?
  - Are there seasonal differences to changes?
  - Are there other known upstream watershed impacts that may be influencing these changes?
- Water Dependent Resources
  - Is the macroinvertebrate, fish, or diatom (as provided by the Department) community different in the mainstem of Root River at upstream and downstream locations compared to pre-return flow conditions? What is the spatial extent of the impact caused by return flow?
  - Are the changes natural variability, an indication of potential upstream watershed impacts, or an indication of changes resulting from return flow?

**Monitoring Locations:**

The City will include monitoring locations upstream and downstream of the return flow outfall. Sample locations near the return flow outfall, including current pre-return flow Sites A, B, C, and D are shown in Figure 1. Post-return flow monitoring locations will be consistent with these locations, and potentially expand to include locations of closer proximity to the return flow outfall. However, because the return flow discharge does not yet exist, and access to Root River must also consider land ownership and permissions, the exact locations of monitoring may be adjusted. To support answering monitoring program questions above, monitoring locations may be added or removed during preparation of the QAPP.

**Monitoring Parameters:**

The following parameters are anticipated to support the monitoring objectives. To supplement these efforts, the City may incorporate data from third parties, such as the Department and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District data. Other parameters may be added as necessary to achieve the monitoring objectives. The City will present the Department a final monitoring plan with QAPP procedures prior to commencement of monitoring.

- Volumes and Periodicity of Discharge (Flow Monitoring)
  - The City will continuously measure the return flow rate at the Clean Water Plant (CWP) as described in the WPDES permit. When return flow starts, the pipeline will be new and will have passed all pressure testing requirements. The pipe will also only convey return flow.
  - Since October 2016, the City of Waukesha has contracted with the USGS to collect and host continuous flow data for the Root River Site C, immediately upstream of the return flow outfall. Flow measurement is anticipated to continue at this location.
  - The City anticipates that the CWP return flow measurement and the upstream flow measurement will be equivalent to a downstream flow measurement. The City will measure Root River flow downstream of the return flow discharge (e.g. Site D), after consulting with the USGS. The purpose of this measurement is to directly quantify river flow that includes return flow and to confirm that the Root River flow rate downstream of the return flow is equivalent to the summation of flow from measured a Site C plus the return flow measured at the CWP. The monitoring may be discontinued after a correlation is confirmed for the full range of flow conditions.

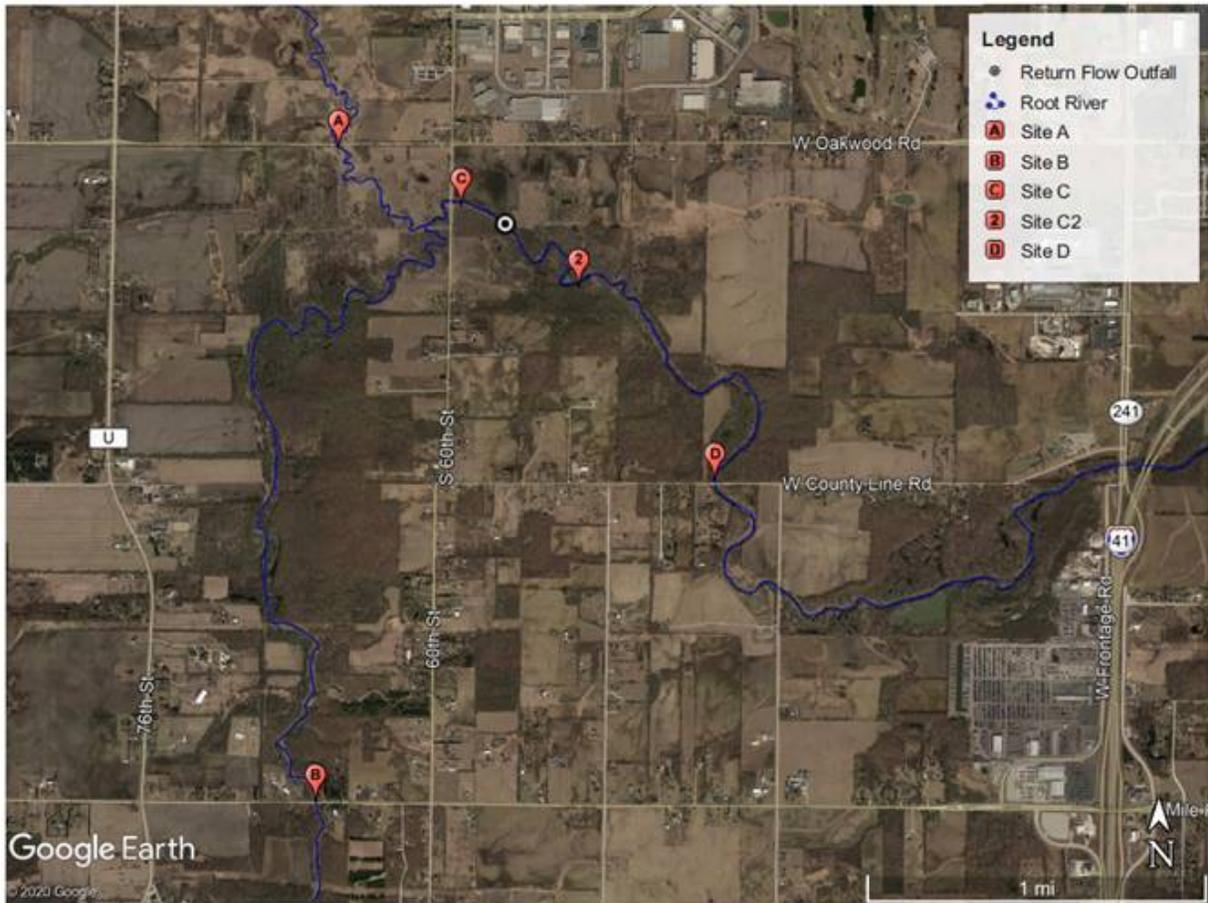
- Temperature
  - The City will continuously monitor temperature of return flow at the CWP and in the return flow discharge structure at the Root River as described in the WPDES permit.
  - Continuous in-stream temperature monitoring of the Root River is anticipated up- and downstream of the return flow outfall and will determine the spatial extent of temperature impacts.
- Water Quality Parameters (Water Chemistry)
  - The City will complete instream water quality monitoring up- and downstream of the return flow outfall using parameters consistent with other similar surface water quality monitoring programs including dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, specific conductance, chlorophyll-a, total suspended solids, total phosphorus, ammonia-nitrogen, E-coli, and chlorides.
- Impacts on Water Dependent Resources (Habitat and Biological Monitoring)
  - Habitat assessments and fish and macro-invertebrate sampling will be conducted at various sites to answer the monitoring objectives.
  - Biological monitoring proposed for the post-return flow monitoring will be consistent with the biological monitoring currently being completed for pre-return flow conditions.
  - The City will follow the recommendations within the sampling protocols and collaborate with the Department if site specific conditions require unique considerations.
  - Habitat assessments are anticipated to be completed annually at a time close to the fish sampling. Habitat assessments will include using an algae viewing bucket and following Department protocols for use and data recording. After the first three years of monitoring, habitat assessments may be reduced to once every three years, or annually if significant flow/flood events or changes in habitat are observed in that year. Estimating flow rates will be completed during each monitoring event, regardless if a full habitat assessment is scheduled.
  - The Department has indicated it plans to conduct diatom monitoring on the Root River. The City will include these results in their reporting as available. The City and Department will coordinate monitoring efforts on the Root River.

**Reporting and Modifications:**

The City will complete an annual assessment of the data and submit a report of the findings to the Department annually by March 1. The report will include return flow monitoring data completed through the WPDES permit. The data used in the annual report will be made available to the public and will be submitted to the Department’s SWIMS database with continuous river flow data hosted by USGS.

As the post-return flow monitoring is implemented, some locations and parameters may be adjusted after data is reviewed and statistical trends are evaluated. As the City has done in the past, Department input will continue to be sought when details warrant such collaboration and assistance, and monitoring protocols (such as the Wisconsin Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (WisCALM)) will be considered for adaptively managing the monitoring program.

Figure 1: Locations of Historic and Proposed Root River Monitoring Sites



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Attachment E

| <b>Station</b> | <b>2021 Status</b>                            | <b>Aquifer Used</b> | <b>2021 Hours Run Time <sup>1</sup></b> | <b>2021 Total Output (mg)</b> | <b>Planned Status for 2022</b> | <b>Planned Status After Transition</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Well 2         | Water Level Monitoring by USGS only           | Deep Sandstone      | 0                                       | 0                             | No change                      | Unknown                                |
| Well 3         | Used daily with HMO                           | Deep Sandstone      | 5,318                                   | 228,178                       | No change                      | Maintain for Emergency Use             |
| Well 5         | Non-Compliant                                 | Deep Sandstone      | 348                                     | 23,690                        | No change                      | Permanently Abandon                    |
| Well 6         | Non-Compliant                                 | Deep Sandstone      | 239                                     | 31,597                        | No change                      | Permanently Abandon                    |
| Well 7         | Non-Compliant                                 | Deep Sandstone      | 138                                     | 5,952                         | No change                      | Maintain for Emergency Use             |
| Well 8         | Used daily with HMO and blending with 11 & 12 | Deep Sandstone      | 4,625                                   | 559,727                       | No change                      | Maintain for Emergency Use             |
| Well 9         | Non-Compliant                                 | Deep Sandstone      | 18                                      | 1,404                         | No change                      | Maintain for Emergency Use             |
| Well 10        | Used daily with HMO                           | Deep Sandstone      | 5,056                                   | 770,764                       | No change                      | Unknown                                |
| Well 11        | Used daily                                    | Sand and Gravel     | 3448                                    | 30,762                        | No change                      | Permanently Abandon                    |
| Well 12        | Used daily                                    | Sand and Gravel     | 3,440                                   | 101,450                       | No change                      | Permanently Abandon                    |
| Well 13        | Used daily                                    | Sand and Gravel     | 5,233                                   | 169,158                       | No change                      | Permanently Abandon                    |

<sup>1</sup> Per requirements of the Stipulation Order, non-compliant wells can be operated a maximum of 2 days per month per well for sampling and maintenance.