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NOTIFICATION: CHANGE YOUR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER TIMERS & HELP REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF YOUR WATER BILL

Dear valued water customer:

You will have noticed that your envelope included a bright green sticker telling you to change the automatic sprinkler timer for irrigation of your yard. The West Bloomfield Township Water Department strongly encourages you to make this change, whereby your sprinkling systems do not irrigate between the hours of 5am and 9am.

Why should I change my watering times?

In order to reduce double-digit water rate increases annually from the City of Detroit we all need to lessen the amount of water we use in this time frame, due to the fact that the City of Detroit's water plants produce their most amount of water during this same time. In lessening the burden for large amounts of water usage during this time our community will benefit in receiving less of a water rate increase from the City of Detroit by not taxing Detroit's water system during similar peak water times. This will provide for less of an annual pass-thru cost to you as a customer.

When should I water?

Setting your timers to start after 9am is a start. All water usage is metered and charged. The City of Detroit affords our community a window of exempt peak-hour usage time between 11pm and 5am everyday. *This means that we would like to see you sprinkle your lawn between 11pm and 5am.* However, watering your lawn after 9am is what is being asked for those customers who prefer to only water during daytime hours.

How much can I expect my water bill to decrease?

Although it is not exactly known how much savings can be expected we do know that it should greatly assist in shaving our distribution systems peak hour water usage, and therefore the water rate is anticipated to substantially decrease in preceding years.

Are surrounding community's doing the same thing?

Several of our neighboring community's are urging this same program on its customers. Some have even included it in their Water Ordinance and implement enforcement. In West Bloomfield we firmly trust that our customers will comply in taking the correct steps without the need for an Ordinance that associates itself with enforcement activities.

If I have questions regarding this program then who can I contact?

You can contact our Township Water & Sewer Billing Supervisor, Mr. Dan Gebrowsky at 248.451.4788 between 9am and 3pm. All calls to voicemail will be returned.

If you are a customer who does not handle programming of your sprinkler system, please hold onto this letter and share it with your irrigation company when they come to start up your sprinkler system this year.

Your participation in this program is greatly appreciated.

