

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

July 29, 2021

1. **Water Restriction Press Release** - See the attached press release from July 23, 2021 regarding the **Mandatory Stage 1 Water Restrictions starting August 2, 2021**. Please help get the word out to shutoff all lawn irrigation systems each Monday to help refill water reservoirs and maintain critical water pumps/equipment.
2. **Marijuana Education Opportunity** – Please watch the Ben Cort linked Ted Talk and register to attend this meeting **Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Billings Public Library**. Substance Abuse Connect invites you to this FREE event to discuss the recent decision by Montana voters to legalize recreational marijuana and the potential impacts of that decision for policy and public health in Billings. We are encouraging a broad audience to attend, get great information and have the opportunity to ask questions as both the City and County consider related policies and potential ballot issues. A group of community leaders along with the City Administrator’s Marijuana Regulation Working Group will also be meeting with Ben Cort Wednesday to gain his insight on best practices for local government regulations.

[Conversation about Legalization of Marijuana and Community Impacts Tickets, Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

https://www.ted.com/talks/ben_cort_what_commercialization_is_doing_to_cannabis?language=en

3. **County Commissioner’s Ballot Decision** - **Tuesday, August 3 at 9:30 AM** the county commissioners will discuss ballot questions for the November 2, 2021 election. Please attend this meeting.
4. **Residential Security Checklist** – We are partnering with Ace Hardware in an effort to assist, and educate the public in making homes safer, and more secure to prevent crime. Attached is the flyer that will be placed in the Ace fall brochure. This brochure will be mailed to 51,200 homes in the Billings area on August 4th. Copies of this flyer will also be placed in all the Ace stores to be given to customers.
5. **Councilmember Needed for SRTS Committee** – Transportation Planning staff is looking for a councilmember to sit on the Safe Routes to School Update Project Oversight Committee. As most of the council recalls, we are focusing on the 22 elementary schools in Billings Public Schools for the first phase of SRTS analysis. The project is going to run for about the next nine (9) months and there will be four (4) project oversight committee meetings throughout the course of the project. Occasionally, staff may ask the committee for feedback on drafts or other documents. The councilmember that serves on this committee also would be expected to help keep the rest of the council up to date on the project as it progresses. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to

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6. Public Safety Mill Levy Presentations

- Gina Dahl and I presented to the Democratic Study Group this past Wednesday.
- Chief St John and Chief Valdez will be presenting to the Democratic Study Group this coming Wednesday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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MANDATORY STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS START AUGUST 2

Billings, Mont. – In response to record temperatures and high water demands, the City of Billings has established water use restrictions as allowed by the Billings Municipal Code and the City's Rules and Regulations for Water and Sewer Service. The restrictions include mandatory lawn watering restrictions for properties that use the City's treated water. The City-wide restrictions are effective Monday, August 2, 2021, and will remain in effect until September 15, 2021. The City is monitoring water use and restrictions are subject to change as circumstances progress.

STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS:

No Lawn Watering on Mondays (12:00 am to 11:59 pm) for All Residential, Business, or Government Properties, including Parks within the City limits whether served by the City of Billings or Heights Water District.

Exceptions: All properties and parks that are served by a well or irrigation ditch for lawn watering are not subject to the Monday restriction.

While area drought conditions are of concern, the primary reasons for the Stage 1 restrictions are to address equipment capacity, overheating issues, and to allow water tanks to fully fill. The demand for water has been extremely high since the beginning of June necessitating the use of all treatment processes and equipment. Generally, this level of demand is only seen for a couple of weeks in August. This sustained operation at these demands and high ambient temperatures puts equipment at risk of failure. Additionally, low river conditions increase moss and debris scour which can clog treatment processes. To avoid equipment failure, demands need to be reduced to allow for maintenance. Also, with the sustained high demand, the reservoirs cannot be filled each day which results in lowered water pressure and less water available for fire protection.

Please do not over-water on Tuesdays to make up for the Monday restriction. Should Stage 1 measures be effective, further restrictions in Stage 2 or Stage 3 can be averted. These restrictions could include alternate day lawn watering, time of day prohibitions of lawn watering, or ban on lawn watering.

We understand the inconvenience for residents. Please recognize the necessity of these restrictions to ensure that we can deliver water throughout this long, dry summer. Residents can contact the Public Works Department at (406) 657-8230 with questions or concerns.



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Crime Prevention Center
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 Billings, MT 59101
 406-247-8590



Residential Security Checklist

The Billings Police Department and ACE Hardware stores are partnering to improve residential security in local communities. Complete this checklist and return it to your Billings local neighborhood ACE store for home security advice and to receive a 10% discount on residential security merchandise.

Receive 10% off regular price on the following residential security categories with your completed checklist through September 30th, 2021: Bring form to receive discount.

- **House Numbers**
- **Outdoor lighting**
- **Motion sensor Lighting**
- **Light timers**
- **Door locks and security hardware**
- **Deadbolt locks**
- **Padlocks and Security Cables**
- **Gate Security Hardware**
- **Window Security Hardware**

Yes No

Front Yard Address visible from street
 Tree/shurbs trimmed
 Lighting during approach
 Garage door locked
 Slide gate locked
 Fuse box locked

Back Yard Property secured
 Tool shed locked
 Motion sensor lights
 Back gate locked

Front Entrance Solid core door
 Security screen door
 Single cylinder deadbolt
 Eye view (at least 180 degree)
 High security strike plate

Windows Thumb screw lock
 Screws in track
 Double hung window pinned
 Charlie bar/dowell
 Window security film

Interior Side/arcadia doors secured
 Misc. openings secured
 Dog door removed/locked
 Skylight secured
 Safe bolted down

Neighborhood Neighbor communication

Security Video/photo valuables
 Serial numbers on file
 Alarms
 Safe deposit box

Vacation Preparation Stop mail/paper
 House sitter
 Deactivate garage door
 Lights on timers

Note: This information was put together by the Billings Police Department and local Ace hardware stores to help make the Billings community a safer place. This information is intended to assist you in improving the overall level of your home security and does not imply the existing security measures or proposed security measure are absolute.