

NEWS RELEASE

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Wyoming Water Supply System Status Report

Implementation of Tier One Water Use Restrictions

The City of Wyoming Water Supply System includes two large diameter water transmission mains which convey potable water from the Donald K. Shine Water Treatment Plant near Lake Michigan inland approximately 27 miles to the Paul Gezon Booster Pumping station. Because the Ottawa County Road Commission has plans to widen and reconstruct 8th Avenue from M-6 to Port Sheldon Road, a portion of one of these two transmission mains (the 54" diameter main) must be relocated.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2005, Kamminga and Roodvoets began excavation on the 54" water transmission main relocation project on 8th Avenue between Jackson and Barry Streets, in Ottawa County. A crew from Price Brothers was on site Wednesday for a live tap of the transmission main, which will then allow us to drain that segment of the 54" main which must be relocated.

The 54" transmission main is now shut down and will be out of service for the next 3-4 weeks.

In one sense, the good weather we are so far experiencing this spring is helping the contractor to move things along. On the other hand, the comparatively warm dry weather is increasing the likelihood of increased water demand earlier than normal. So far, daily demand on the Wyoming system is running in the 38 to 41 MGD range, but we are seeing some modest increases from day to day.

Earlier this spring, we tested the system to assess its ability to move water via the 42" transmission main which is now the only source of supply for the system. We confirmed at that time that we can pump up to 60 MGD through this one line. A review of the past five years of operating records indicates that demand has not exceeded 60 MGD until after the first of June. However, there is no doubt demand will continue to increase as spring progresses.

In view of these circumstances, effective today (Tuesday, April 19, 2005)—and as a precautionary measure—we will be implementing a Tier One water use restriction (commonly referred to as odd/even sprinkling) throughout the City of Wyoming's water service area. A Tier One restriction limits lawn watering to odd days for odd-numbered addresses, and to even days for even-numbered addresses. Under Tier One restrictions, lawn watering may occur at any time during the appropriate day.

The area affected includes those portions of Park Township, Holland Township, Olive and Blendon Townships, Georgetown Townships, Jamestown Township, Byron and Gaines Townships, the Cities of Hudsonville, Grandville, Kentwood, and the City of Wyoming that are served by Wyoming water. This restriction will remain in affect until further notice.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Joe Stapf at 616-261-3559, or 616-293-5119.

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