

## **A. Water Conservation**

### **1. Annual Watering Restrictions**

- a) An odd-even outdoor water usage restriction based on street addresses is in effect from April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Residents with odd numbered addresses shall only water outdoor plants and lawns or irrigate properties on odd numbered calendar days, and residents with even numbered addresses shall only water outdoor plants and lawns or irrigate properties on even numbered days.
- b) Township water cannot be used for the purposes of irrigating properties or watering outdoor plants and lawns between ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) p.m. daily.

### **2. Exceptions to Watering Restrictions**

- a) Lawns, trees, shrubs, and other outside plants may be watered by handheld devices, such as sprinkling cans, sprayers, hoses (when hand-held), on any day at any time.
- b) Watering of new lawns with sod or seed may be allowed within thirty (30) days of the new installation.
- c) Watering from a source other than the Township's water supply may be allowed if the water user has registered the alternative source with Dakota County and the alternative source is properly permitted by the state of Minnesota and approved by the Township. Under this example, the Township may inspect the property to ensure compliance.
- d) Children's wading pools and water toys may be used at anytime.
- e)

In 2011 Empire had an increase of 6% from 2010 in water pumped. We need to conserve.

**Fire Permits:** A burning permit is required if you are going to burn. Recreational Fire Permits are good for one year and must be renewed each year at a small fee of \$10.00. You may purchase your recreational fire permit at Empire Town Hall. All other fire permits need to be purchased at Farmington City Hall.

**Compost Permits:** RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's resident's compost for free. **Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one year.**

### **Mark your calendar:**

**Street Sweeping** is scheduled for April 14 and 15. Please do not park on the streets on these two days.

**Hydrant Flushing** will be the week of April 9<sup>th</sup>. While the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle. Try not to do laundry during this time. But, if you should notice rusty water in your laundry, do not dry the clothes. If this happens, stop by the Town Hall and pick up some rust remover.

**Spring Clean-Up** will be held on May 12, 2011 from 7:00 a.m.. until noon. Flyers will be coming out in a couple weeks

**Summer Entertainment** is being planned at this time. There will be Sunday evening entertainment at the Town Hall Park along with other programs, the puppet wagon and the swim bus throughout the week for the children will be available. Watch for the flyer and the website will be updated as the events are planned.