



Voluntary Water Reduction Request by the Village of Versailles

With the current extended dry conditions that our area has experienced at times over this summer, the Village has seen an increase in water usage for lawn watering and other outdoor water use activities. With this additional water usage, the Village's water supply wells have been running longer and harder with the water plant running around the clock which is not typical. With the continued forecast of dry weather and increasing heat for the next several days and into next week, the Village is requesting of water customers a voluntary reduction in any possible water consumption until we receive rain to help extinguish the increased need for outside watering and to supplement the water supply well fields. Although this summer has seen some periods of good rain at times, this water has not penetrated to the aquifer level that is lower than normal. A mandatory watering ban is possible soon if daily water usage levels do not go down. Customer cooperation to reduce water consumption within the Village of Versailles is very much appreciated and is a benefit to all. Some recommendations to help conserve water consumption is to hand water flowers and vegetable gardens, hand water lawn repair areas instead of using a sprinkler, use a water efficient flush toilet, don't let the sink run while shaving or brushing teeth, and clean driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of a hose and/or pressure washer, just to name a few. When watering flowers, gardens, and lawn repair areas do this during the coolest part of the day such as the early morning hours or preferably in the evening so it has all night to soak in and have the most benefit.

Village Leaf Collection Schedule Announced

Regular leaf collection is scheduled to begin Monday, October 9th. Leaves will be picked up as needed until December 8th. Leaf collection routes are as follows:

Mondays: All streets south of the Board of Education Building

Tuesdays: All streets west of South Center Street

Wednesdays: All streets east of South Center Street

Thursdays: All streets north of the railroad tracks.

Please do not mix sticks, weeds, or garden foliage in with your leaves. Leaves need to be placed in the street along the curb for pick up. Please do not put leaves in plastic bags. Also, residents are asked to refrain from parking on the street on your scheduled collection day.

Village Park Restrooms Closing for the Season

The restroom facilities at both Ward Park and Indian Creek Park will be closed for the season on October 13th. Park playground equipment, tennis courts, shuffle board courts, and green spaces remain open for activities throughout the cold weather months. The restroom facilities will reopen in the Spring when temperatures allow.

Trick-or-Treat Date Set

The Village of Versailles' Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, **October 29th** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution during this event.

Fall Clean-up Day

As a reminder, on Tuesday, October 10th, the Village of Versailles will conduct the final Clean-up Day of the year. This will be the last clean-up day until next spring for discarding medium to larger items that will not fit within the Village refuse container. Please sit items out at your normal pick up location for pick up on the morning of October 10th. We hope to be able to pick up all items on October 10th, however, if we cannot finish all pickups that day we will pick them up the following day(s) until we are finished.

Items that previously required a large item tag such as; fence, white goods (appliances; washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, etc.), bed springs, furniture, televisions larger than 19" **will still require a large item tag available for \$10.00 at the Village Administrative Office at 177 N. Center Street.** These large item tags may be purchased throughout the year not just for the Clean-up Day on October 10th.

As a reminder, 2-yard and 3-yard rental dumpsters are also available for use. Rental dumpsters will be provided for a two week period. In order to cover the expenses associated with providing this service, a fee of \$45.00 (2-yard) or \$65.00 (3-yard) will be charged each time the dumpster is emptied during the two week period.

2023-2024 HEAP Applications Available

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Assistance (OCA). It is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. If you are eligible for assistance, the amount of your one-time HEAP benefit will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, total household income, and the primary fuel you use to heat your home. In most cases, the one-time benefit will be a credit applied to your energy bill by your utility company (or fuel vendor).

To download a HEAP application visit <https://www.development.ohio.gov/files/is/2021-2022-HEAP-App-BW.pdf> or stop by the Utility Office to pick up a copy of the application.

For additional questions about the HEAP program call 1-800-282-0880 during regular business hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Darke County Residential Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Solid Waste District is proud to again sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Day for Darke County residents on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Darke Co. Fairgrounds. The event is scheduled to run from 8:00 a.m. to Noon (Last Names A-M 8am—10am, Last Names N-Z 10am—Noon).

This event will allow residents to dispose the following items: Paint (Oil and Latex)*, Pool Chemicals, Gasoline/Kerosene, Household Cleaners, Antifreeze, Varnishes/Stains, Mercury, Turpentine, Fertilizers/Pesticides, 20# Propane Tanks Only, and Prescription Medications

*Limit 15 cans, no matter the size. No 55 gallon drums

*Due to large volumes of paint, there will be a \$2 per paint can charge (full or empty). There will also be a \$1 charge for 1-5 aerosol cans, no matter the contents. Call 937-547-0827 for questions.