



101 NE Harvey Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111

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Good Morning Fellow Homeowner:

I know it may be a bit confusing because of the earlier flooding this spring all across the State of Iowa, but the drought last year had some very severe and on-going effects to the City of Grimes' water system. As you know from the correspondence over the winter, PeopleService and the Grimes City Council put procedures in place to protect the future of the Grimes Water Supply including drafting and passing a water drought mitigation procedure, rehabbing the old water plant and getting it ready to go, drilling a new Jordan well at the current water plant site and preparing to bid an emergency water connection with Xenia Water. The plan is in place, the old water plant is ready to go and the drilling of the well is in process. Before we start the old water plant and start mixing the Jordan water with the current surface wells, thus decreasing the quality of the water, we would like you to reduce your use of water.

At this time, the City of Grimes is asking you to implement Stage 1 of the water mitigation plan. To highlight the part we need you to be most aware of, all homes and businesses are asked to reduce the irrigation of their homes or watering their lawns, etc. to every other day. Even number addresses should water on even number days and odd number addresses on odd number of days. Obviously if you are willing to let your lawn grow dormant, that is even better. Attached is the complete plan for your reference. Please note if we have to go to Stages 2 or 3, the use of water becomes very restricted.

You are a great community and I know we can all work together to get us through this. All we need is everyone to do their part and reduce their usage wherever they can and proceed according to the plan.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We are delivering these notices to all new homeowners and businesses within the last few months who may not have had the opportunity to read through our past correspondence about the drought and the effects on our community. Going forward, would you please either LIKE us on our Facebook page or subscribe to our email list serve so I can get information out to you in a timely manner. Our list serve address is <http://grimes.iniowa.org> and our website address is: <http://www.grimesiowa.gov/>

Thank you in advance for helping us, help you.
Take good care!

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City of Grimes