July 2024 Edition Quarter 2

THEDROPLET MEADOW LAKE WATER & SEWER

SAVING WATER IN THE SUMMER

Water early in the morning



Wind speeds tend to be slower and temperatures are lower in the early morning. Watering in the morning can reduce water loss from evaporation.

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Add mulch to planting beds

Mulch also helps with reducing water evaporation. A 2-inch cover of mulch will retain moisture around roots and in the soil, as well as help suppress weeds.



Check for leaks and fix them

Leaks & slow drips at connections and faucets are often easy fixes. Make sure to check the ends of hoses for drips as well.





More plants die from over-watering than not watering enough. Check soil moisture by digging a hole next to roots to check for moisture. When walking across your lawn, if the grass springs back quickly, it does not need water.

Recycle rainwater



Capturing & reusing rainwater is a great way to conserve water. A 1000 sq. ft. rooftop can collect up to 420 gallons for every inch of rain.





URBAN WILDLIFE - CONTACTS

Domestic Animals:

- Dogs Bylaw Enforcement at (306)236-0213
- Cats Meadow Lake & District Humane Society
- Livestock Livestock services of Saskatchewan (306)446-7404 or the RCMP

Associate Animals:

Pest control services are offered by privately licences operators

Adapter Animals:

 Conservation at 1-800-567-4224 if wildlife such as moose, deer, elk, wolves, bears, or cougars are within city limits.

Avoider Animals:

If you encounter aggressive wildlife, call the TIPP line
 1-800-667-7561 or from a SaskTel cellphone at #5555

Visit meadowlake.ca/p/urban-wildlife for more detailed information on the different animals you may see around the city, and for tips on reducing human-wildlife conflict.

How does the City manage dust control?

The City treats gravel roads with calcium chloride to reduce dust. The first application for 2024 occurred on May 12, the next application is schedule for August.

What is Calcium Chloride?

Calcium chloride is a type of salt. In addition to its usage for dust, calcium chloride can be found in de-icer formulations, as moisture absorbers in packaging, or in food-safe applications to maintain crunchiness (like in pickles!).

How long does it last?

The longevity of the product depends on several factors, like traffic and the weather, but generally spans several weeks to a few months. While some municipalities find that a single application per year suffices, Meadow Lake typically plans for two applications.

We appreciate and understand the toll that dust can take on residents living along gravel roads. Thank you for your continued patience as we work to serve our community.

2024 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

2024 Utility Works

Bauman Street

The water and sewer line replacement of Bauman Street has been completed. Crews are working to backfill the excavation and prepare the road for upcoming paving.

Carter Place

Crews are to begin mobilizing to Carter Place July 3-5 and will begin digging almost immediately following mobilization. Carter Place will be closed for the duration of this construction; this work will also include a temporary road closure for the intersection of $9^{\rm th}$ Avenue West and Carter Place for manhole replacement.

East Side Infrastructure Project

Funded by the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)

Crews are continuing with the City's multi-year project to upgrade Meadow Lake's oldest water and sewer infrastructure. This year's work consists of 2 construction locations, 6th Street East between 2nd and 3rd Avenue and 5th Street East between 1st and 3rd Avenue. Crews have complete the construction on 6th Street. The work on 5th Street will begin following construction on 2nd St. West.

2nd St. West and 7th Avenue West

Originally scheduled to take place this year following the work for the East Side Infrastructure Project, the schedule of this work was changed due to growing issues with the sewer main. Construction began Tuesday, June 18, 2024 and is ongoing.

Paving, Curbs & Sidewalks

Paving

The beginning of the 2024 paving project is anticipated to begin as early as mid-July. There are various locations throughout the City that will see patching from past utility work digs. The 700 and 800 blocks of 3rd Avenue West, Bauman Street and Jackson Drive will see full street paving this year.

Curbs & Sidewalks

Sidewalks will be replaced on the 700 & 800 blocks of 3rd Avenue West, and the 200 block of 3rd Street East. Curbs will also be repaired in area's were roadwork is taking place.

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SUMMER AT PUBLIC WORKS

During the summer, our public works departments are a hive of activity as they tackle a variety of tasks to maintain and enhance our community's infrastructure.

This includes essential work like annual sewer flushing, manhole inspections, unidirectional water flushing, and hydrant maintenance to keep our water and sewer systems running smoothly. They also stay busy with roadwork like grading gravel roads, filling potholes, sweeping streets, painting lines on roads, and cleaning catch basins (storm drains). Additionally, public works coordinates waste pickup during street closures due to construction, tests water quality following construction, maintains and installs road signs, services their fleet vehicles, manages cemetery earthworks and compost site maintenance. These dedicated efforts ensure our communities are safe, clean, and function efficiently.

AVOID WATER SHUT OFF

Utility bills are due August 31, 2024. Any bills with outstanding amounts over \$50.00 will be at risk for having the water at the property turned off. Payment arrangements passed the due date can be made with the Utility Clerk by calling (306)236-3622 ext. 201 or by emailing utilityclerk@meadowlake.ca

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Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM

For billing, garbage, & recycling 306-236-0201 utilities@meadowlake.ca

Public Works Hours

Monday - Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

For water & sewer maintenance 306-236-6240 publicworks@meadowlake.ca