



City of Hickman

NEWSLETTER

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ALTERNATE DAY WATERING

Beginning May 1 and ending September 30 of each year

KNOW YOUR DAY

Consumers having odd numbered street addresses shall be permitted to water or irrigate their lawns on Tue, Thur, & Sat of each week

Even numbered street addresses shall be permitted to water or irrigate their lawns on Wed, Fri & Sun of each week



MONDAYS

No lawn watering or lawn irrigation shall be permitted on Monday of each week

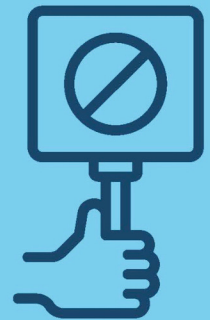
PENALTIES

1st Offense - Posted notification on the consumers property

2nd Offense - Written warning

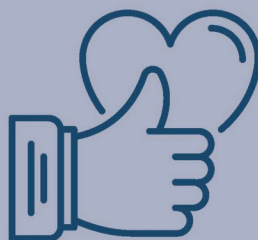
3rd Offense - \$250 fee added to the consumer's monthly bill from the city

4th+ Offense - \$1000 fee added to the consumer's monthly bill from the city.



EXEMPTIONS

A 30 day exemption to the watering and lawn irrigation schedule is available for those consumers establishing new grass and for seasonal reseeded. Contact City Hall for an application..



Watering Restrictions do not apply to washing of cars, driveways, houses, etc

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT HICKMAN.NE.GOV

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EMERGENCIES - 911

Police & Fire Dispatch Center 402.441.6000

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AFTER HOUR CALLS 402.792.2212

City of Hickman

115 Locust Street, PO Box 127

Hickman, NE 68372

402.792.2212 www.hickman.ne.gov

PLAN forward

lincoln.ne.gov/planforward



City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted the Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall, Hickman Post Office, U-Stop and City Website.

To view City Council meeting recordings, please subscribe to our YouTube Channel @CityofHickman.
<https://www.youtube.com/@CityofHickman>

PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE UTILITY LINES (2ND EDITION)

This month we will focus on Drinking Water (see April 2026 Newsletter for Sewer information).

Water Line Ownership: Property owners are responsible for the drinking water service line that runs through the private property and connects to the main line (see graphic below). Per the City of Hickman's Municipal Code, Chapter 7, Article 2, the water main lines, public fire hydrants and main valves are owned and maintained by the City. The City's water lines are primarily along the public streets and alleys. Privately owned components of the drinking water system begin at and include the service line tap and all infrastructure beyond the City's water main. The Water Meter is also owned by the property owner and if damaged is the responsibility of the property owner. The City's Water Department will replace the meter at no additional charge if it is malfunctioning or there is a system-wide upgrade.

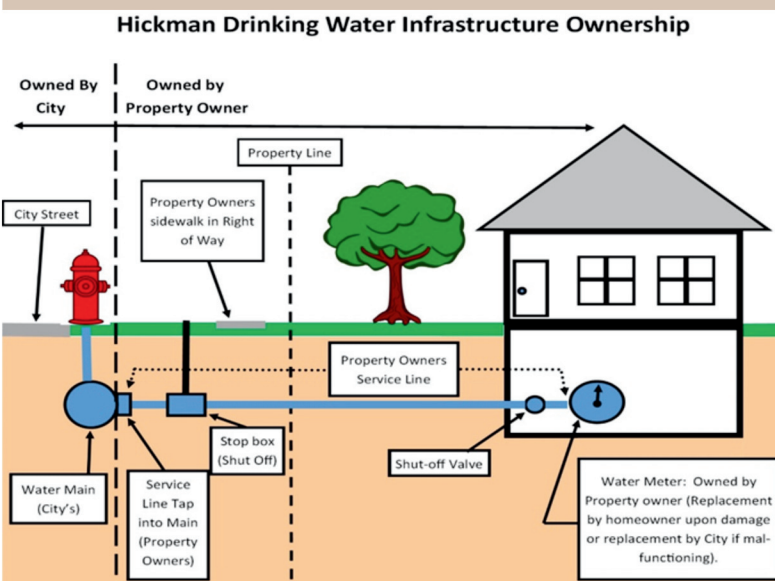


**Celebrating Dale Stertz
Former City Building Inspector**

"On behalf of the City Council and the entire community, we want to take a moment to recognize and thank you for your 38 years of dedicated service to the City of Hickman. That is an incredible milestone of public service and a testament to your commitment, professionalism, and pride in your work.

Over nearly four decades, you have played an important role in the growth and development of our community. Your knowledge, consistency, and willingness to serve have made a lasting impact on the City, and your contributions will continue to benefit Hickman for years to come.

More importantly, your service represents the kind of dedication that helps make Hickman a strong and thriving community. We are truly grateful for the time, effort, and care you've given throughout your career.



Recommendations:

Hard Water: Hickman has four groundwater municipal wells. The water from these wells contain minerals due to their exposure to limestone and other deposits naturally found in the ground. The municipal water treatment plant greatly reduces the amount of iron and manganese in our water through a process of adding chlorine and filtration. The water is still however hard and you may want to consider installing a water softener or filtration device.

Discolored Water: Hickman Public Works has been working diligently to remove the iron and manganese within our water system through different testing and flushing techniques. While these minerals do not cause a health risk, they can cause water discoloration. If you see discolored water, please call City Hall at 402-792-2212 and the City's mains will be flushed.

On behalf of the City, we want to congratulate you on your retirement and wish you all the best in this next chapter. We hope it brings you time to relax, enjoy family and friends, and pursue the things you enjoy most.

Thank you, Dale, for your many years of service."

- Mayor Goering

