As we enter the summer season, the Auburn Water Works Board recommends that its customers implement efficient practices when using irrigation systems and outdoor watering. Using these good practices helps make sure that our water resources are used wisely. This summer, try following these tips when watering your yard and gardens:

- **Do not over-water your lawn.** As a general rule of thumb, lawns only need watering every five to seven days during the summer. Watering your grass too frequently can make the root system of your lawn too shallow, damaging your lawn.

- **Do not water sidewalks, driveways or other paved areas.** Position sprinklers so that most if not all water lands on your lawn or plants.

- **When watering your lawn, we recommend doing so after 8 p.m. and before 8 a.m.** to avoid unnecessary water loss because of evaporation.

- **Water gardens and plants early in the morning** when plants aren’t stressed and little water is lost from evaporation. Irrigating at midday can waste as much as 40 to 60% of the water to evaporation.

- **Check irrigation system on a regular basis** to ensure the system’s parts (pipes, sprinkler heads, etc.) are not damaged or broken.

- **Install rain sensors** and/or moisture sensors on irrigation systems to eliminate unnecessary watering during rainfall events.

- **Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.** Use a timer to remind you to turn the water off.

- **Use xeriscaping,** or landscaping and horticultural practices that minimize water usage. You can get more info about xeriscaping from the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service’s website, aces.edu. You can also consult with your local nursery for advice on plants that need less water or are more drought tolerant.

- **Increase your lawn mower blade height.** A higher-cut lawn will encourage deeper-growing roots and will result in better soil moisture retention.

- **Mulch effectively** around all plants, trees and shrubs. Mulching results in better soil moisture retention and weed control.

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**2019 Citizens’ Planning Academy**

Want to know more about what goes into planning in Auburn? The seventh Citizens’ Planning Academy will begin in September!

Join our Planning Services Department for six sessions that focus on the basics of planning and how different City departments, developers and individuals interact in the
This year marks the 10th anniversary of our Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Recycling Program. Our Water Resource Management Department began the program in 2009 to help increase awareness about the harmful effects of the improper disposal of grease and used cooking oil. Since the program’s inception, more than 10,300 gallons of used cooking oil and grease have been collected and recycled.

Did you know that used cooking oil should never be poured down the drain? Even if the oil is poured slowly with hot water, it will eventually cause problems with your home plumbing and the City’s sewer system as a whole.

Instead of pouring these oils down the drain, the FOG program offers a responsible means of recycling. FREE plastic containers in which to store your used oil and grease are available at the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 365-A N. Donahue Drive. When the container is full, simply bring it back to the drop-off center for disposal. A grease renderer turns the recycled oil and grease into raw materials that can be used in animal feeds, pet food and industrial formulations.

Want more information? Visit auburnalabama.org/water-resource-management/fog-recycling or contact the Water Resource Management Department at (334) 501-3060 or webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org.

**July Sales Tax Holiday**

The 2019 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday is set for July 19-21, allowing shoppers the chance to purchase certain items free of state and local sales tax.

On June 4, the Auburn City Council approved an ordinance exempting specific items from the City’s 4% sales tax, including:

- Clothing: All apparel suitable for general use is exempt unless it otherwise appears on the taxable list; clothing items must cost $100 or less per article of clothing to be exempt.
- Computers and Computer Software: A single purchase with a sales price of $750 or less will be exempt. Items exempt include computers, computer software, and school computer supplies.
- School Supplies: Any items of $50 or less per item commonly used by a student in a course of study will be exempt. Supplies may include art supplies, reference maps and globes, textbooks on an official school book list with a sales price of more than $30 but less than $50, and books with a sales price of $30 or less per book.

For more information, view the tax holiday brochure at revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/sales-tax-holidays or contact the City of Auburn Revenue Office at (334) 501-7239 or revenue@auburnalabama.org.

**End-of-Summer Movie**

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 3, for the End-of-Summer Movie! We will be showing the G-rated film, “Bugsy Malone,” at Duck Samford Park Field 10.

Gates will open at 7 p.m., and the movie will begin at 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair, blanket and kick back and enjoy the movie. Food concessions will be on site for purchase. This event is FREE and open to the public.
WHO SHOULD I CALL?

Whether you have a question about your water bill, want to know more about our library collection or have an emergency, here are the best places to start. Keep this on your fridge for easy reference!

**GARBAGE, TRASH & RECYCLING**
Environmental Services
334-501-3080
webenvirs@auburnalabama.org

**UTILITY BILLING**
Finance, Utility Billing Office
334-501-3050
serviceorders@auburnalabama.org

**WATER SERVICE**
Water Resource Management
334-501-3050
After Hours: 334-501-3100
webwtrswr@auburnalabama.org

**ANIMAL CONTROL**
Environmental Services
334-501-3090
After Hours: 334-501-3100
webenvirs@auburnalabama.org

**LIBRARY PROGRAMS & SERVICES**
Auburn Public Library
334-501-3190
weblibrary@auburnalabama.org

**RENT A PARKS & REC FACILITY**
Parks & Recreation
Sarah Derrick, 334-501-2934
sderrick@auburnalabama.org

**ATHLETICS**
Parks & Recreation
Houston Manning, 334-501-2942
hmanning@auburnalabama.org

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**
Parks & Recreation
Ann Bergman, 334-501-2936
abergman@auburnalabama.org

**REPORT RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES**
Public Works
334-501-3000
webpw@auburnalabama.org

**REQUEST SIDEWALK OR TRAFFIC CALMING**
Engineering Services
334-501-7390
webeng@auburnalabama.org

**REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE**
Alabama Power
1-800-245-2244
customerservice2.southerncompany.com/Outages/Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY**
Emergencies: 911
Non-emergency: (334) 501-3100
Anonymous Tip Line: (334) 246-1391
webpubsfty@auburnalabama.org

**CEMETERIES**
Parks & Recreation
Sari Card, 334-501-2933
scard@auburnalabama.org
Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

MANAGEMENT

TEAM

Toddler Time
9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Gamer's Society
4-6:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime
9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Samford Pool Fall Hours Begin

Cemeteries Advisory Board
4 p.m.

Planning Commission Packet
Meeting
Noon

Ward 4 Meeting
5:30 p.m.

@ Auburn Public Library

STEM Storytime
10 a.m.

Baby Time
9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Wayne O. Robinson, Director
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City Council
7 p.m.

Historic Preservation
Commission
4 p.m.

Greenspace Advisory
Board
Noon

City Council
Agenda Review
4 p.m.

Tree Commission
11:30 a.m.

Planning Commission
5 p.m.

Summer Learning
Challenge ends

Board of Education
6 p.m.

Library Board
4 p.m.

Water Works Board of Zoning
Adjustment
4:30 p.m.

Water Works Board
4 p.m.