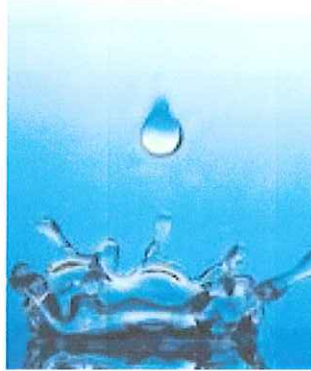




## Suggestions for Reducing Your Water Bill:

- Repair leaky faucets and toilets.
- Consider purchasing water saving plumbing/washer/dishwasher/toilets/fixtures.
- Add a rain cup to your sprinkler system and the sprinkler will shut off during rain.
- Water early in the morning or in the later P.M. hours for 20-30 minutes maximum per irrigation zone every other day/or once a week for a total of 1 inch.
- Aim sprinklers to not go onto asphalt or cement.
- Keep grass at least two inches high to shade roots and hold moisture. Use mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- Visit Water Wiser, the water efficiency-clearing house at [www.waterwiser.org](http://www.waterwiser.org).
- Use full loads for dishwasher and washing machines.
- Check your water softener/purifier recycle monthly to make sure your system is back washing properly and add salt/chemical. Perform all other recommended maintenance on a scheduled basis.



## Sprinkler Systems

All sprinkler systems must be equipped with a back flow device. The back flow prevention device must be the PRESSURE VACUUM type. The device is available at local plumbing supply stores. Installation of sprinkler systems requires a permit and inspection, at a total cost of \$50. Call the Water Dept. for more information at 248-698-3300 ext.8.

It is an ORDINANCE 22 requirement and the cross connection control device is for everyone's drinking water protection.

Hydro Designs, a subcontractor for White Lake Township will be inspecting industrial and commercial building cross connection control inspections this year to ensure public health protection.

Please keep area (5 ft. in diameter) around fire hydrants clear. Remove snow/ ice, cut/maintain grass and do not plant trees near fire hydrants.

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### Did you know?

- In the United States, water utilities treat nearly 34 billion gallons of water every day.
- In the United States and Canada, the total miles of water pipeline and aqueducts equal approximately one million miles; enough to circle the globe 40 times.
- Americans drink more than one billion glasses of tap water per day.
- Children in the first six months of life consume seven times as much water per pound as the average American adult.
- The average house uses 160 gallons of water a day.



## **TIPS ON REDUCING IRON CONTENT**

- A larger capacity (>30K grain) water softener/water conditioner is recommended for a residence.
- If you have a water line filter, replace filter monthly.
- Flush hot water tank annually.
- If you experience low pressure-contact the Water Department.
- If rusty water is present, notify Water Department.
- Consult 2009/2010 Water Quality Report@ [Whitelaketwp.com](mailto:Whitelaketwp.com) website.

Contact us at 248-698-3300 ext.8 or visit at 7525 Highland Road, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



## **UPDATE**

- The water system has expanded during 2010, primarily along the M59 corridor.
- Hi service pump has been installed at Fox Bay to assist in iron reduction.
- White Lake has added 4300' of water main along M59 east from Lowes to Pontiac Lake Road during 2010.
- 98% of the water system has Automatic Meter Reading. You may be contacted if your meter needs to be replaced, primarily residents in Suburban Knolls, Twin Lakes, Village Acres or Sierra Heights subdivisions.
- Visit White Lake Township Website at: [www.whitelaketwp.com](http://www.whitelaketwp.com) for frequently asked questions, rates and Ordinance 22.

**EMERGENCY PHONE:  
248.698.4400**



## **White Lake Water Dept.**

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Note: *All Area Codes are 248*

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- ✓ If a power outage occurs and you have a grinder sewer system – limit any kind of water usage. Otherwise basement flooding could occur.
- ✓ For a list of recycling locations visit the Web at: [www.search.earth911.com](http://www.search.earth911.com)  
Water Softeners are recommended. Benefits include: Reduction of mineral build-up, appliances performance and life-span along with lower utility bills and more.