

WaterOne CURRENT

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We believe in the meaningful work of producing clean water.

Adjust Your Sprinklers to Smart Watering Time!

Do you want to do something earth-friendly without sacrificing a green lawn? Help us use less electricity and potentially improve pressure to your neighborhood by setting your sprinklers to Smart Watering time.

If your house is an even house number, set your sprinklers to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For homes with an odd number, set your sprinkler to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the weekends. *Use what you need, any time of day.*

Smart Watering helps our water system run greener, cheaper, and better by taking pressure off peak demand. Most homeowners water their lawns on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday out of habit. But if everybody waters at the same time, it creates a "traffic jam" for the water system. Like gunning the engine of your car, this demand adds wear-and-tear, costs more to run, and affects pressure in certain areas. Smart Watering helps balance demand evenly throughout the week while still providing the same amount of water. It's about timing, not quantity.

Follow Smart Watering and use what you need any time of the day. By watering on the right days, you can help us use less electricity, prolong the life of the water system, and maybe even improve pressure in your neighborhood. 



FAQ's ABOUT SMART WATERING

Is WaterOne restricting my water use?

No, Smart Watering is a friendly suggestion on which days are best to water. You can still use what you need, any time of day. No restrictions.

Is Smart Watering about conservation?

No, it's about timing, not quantity. You can still use what you need, any time of day. No restrictions.

How do I program my sprinklers?

Check out www.WaterOne.org/SmartWatering for links to video tutorials for Hunter, Toro, and Rain Bird sprinkler systems.

Will this save me money on my water bill?

No, Smart Watering only focuses on the timing of the watering. We're not asking you to use less water, but efficient usage ultimately helps us all.

WaterOne Honors Our Women of Water



Colleen Browne
Director of HR & Administration

Advice for young women?
“A piece of advice that I love, is a quote from Lou Holtz, the former Notre Dame Football coach. ‘Do right. Do your best. Treat others as you want to be treated.’”

~ Colleen Browne

WaterOne takes pride in being an employer of choice. In honor of Women's History Month - designated as March by the U.N. - WaterOne used its social media platforms to feature a series of employees who have strength, creativity, passion, and leadership “like a girl.” Each person was asked, “Why WaterOne?”

Says Lori Schlegel (Audit Manager), “Why do I choose to be at a water utility? Because this is a company that wants to be best in its field. It’s this driving force to get better at what we’re already good at – making exceptional water for our customers. Every single position here is part of the same mission to make that happen.”

“It might seem like an unconventional choice but I love working at a water utility because we really, truly care about our customers. The pride that our customer service reps have in helping people equally and for the right reasons ... It’s amazing,” says Dana Sargent-Buhl (Customer Service Manager).

It’s the impact of the work that drives Shaun Pietig (Engineering Distribution Manager). “When I inspect the mains, I have to get inside the pipes and my sons say, ‘My mom is so cool!’”

The second half of March, WaterOne ran a second series of profiles, this time asking advice for young women. “Don’t shy away from a career path even if it seems like there’ll be obstacles,” says Tangie McGlothen (IT Applications Manager).

WaterOne capped off Women’s History Month with a post featuring its Board Chair: “From all of us at WaterOne—including our Board Chair Brenda Cherpitel—thank you for celebrating with us those who have strength, creativity, passion, and leadership ‘like a girl.’” 💧



Tangie McGlothen
IT Applications Manager



Dana Sargent-Buhl
Customer Service Manager

Advice for young women?
“Stay confident, stay confident and stay confident! Embrace new technology; definitely do not leave it to ‘the boys.’ And don’t be afraid to fail. That is how we learn and get better.” ~ Laurie Krause



Lori Schlegel
Audit Manager



Shaun Pietig
Engineering Distribution Manager



Laurie Krause
Accounting Manager

Pipes Installed on Hedge Lane Project

Construction is on schedule for the Hedge Lane pump station and pipeline project. Work continued even during our frigid winter conditions. Rock blasting is 100% complete. Pipes are now be installed throughout the project sites.

Recently, 42" water mains were installed inside steel casings under Lone Elm Road (see upper photo). This new pipeline will connect to existing infrastructure at Ridgeview and 175th Street where they will connect to pipes on Hedge Lane Road and travel to our new pump station at 159th and Hedge Lane Road.

See photos, video progress reports, and more info at www.waterone.org/Projects



Project Description

The Hedge Lane Pipeline, Pump Station & Reservoir project ensures that an ample supply of water is on tap as southern Johnson County continues to grow. A 13 mile 42"-60" diameter buried pipeline will be installed along Hedge Lane from Highway K-10 south to 175th Street and along 175th Street from Hedge Lane to Ridgeview Road.

With the approval of the City of Olathe, the pipeline runs through city boundaries in order to connect northern and southern parts of WaterOne's service area. The pipeline ties into the new pump station and reservoir at Hedge Lane & 159th Street which will add localized storage capacity and the extra power of its pumps to push the water to the farthest reaches of our service area and ensure good water pressure. 💧



Video Project Updates
www.YouTube.com/OurWaterOne

WaterOne Recognized As Healthiest Employer



Wellness Coordinator Becky Bryan (center) accepts the finalist recognition award.

The Kansas City Business Journal has once again honored WaterOne as a finalist for its Healthiest Employer award. WaterOne took home the title for its category in 2013 and 2014, while placing as a finalist in 2015.

WaterOne's award-winning employee wellness program - *WellnessOne* - has been a model for its comprehensive approach and strong participation rates. To encourage employees to lead an active lifestyle, WaterOne offers two onsite fitness centers, annual health fairs, and three walking/fitness challenges each year. Lunch'N'Learns are offered throughout the year to educate employees on various health topics.

WellnessOne also provides free flu shots, a walking track around the property at its administrative offices, healthy snack options that are labeled in its vending machines, free telephone health coaching for those eligible, wellness newsletters, and an optional subscription to a curated fresh fruit delivery service in-office. 💧

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