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If the temperature is below 32 degrees, sprinkler systems must be turned off.

Anyone who does not comply with City of Burleson Ordinance B-768-07 is subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each offense. Each day that a violation occurs is a separate offense.

This is not late-breaking news for Burleson residents or business owners. The ordinance went into effect in May 2007. But, with temperatures dropping below freezing recently, it's a good time to remind people of the consequences of operating a lawn irrigation system during inclement weather.

Owners face the fine if an irrigation system or watering device is operated during any form of precipitation, but the issue becomes a matter of public safety as well as conservation when the temperature drops below freezing.

All commercial or industrial customer class irrigation systems installed after June 1, 2007, must be equipped with rain and freeze sensors, and any systems installed before June 1, 2007, must be retrofitted to comply with the ordinance. The same goes for residential systems.

The ordinance also prohibits a substantial amount of water to overflow the lawn or landscape on to the street or into a drainage area. Water on roads during freezing weather can create more than an inconvenience for drivers.

Anyone with questions about the ordinance may log on to the City of Burleson web site at [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), click on "City Ordinances" in the blue online features box on the home page, then scroll down and click on "Lawn and Landscape Irrigation Restrictions." For more information or to report non-compliance, call the City of Burleson's Municipal Service Center at 817-447-5410.