

March 20 marks the first day of spring, and it's about time to begin thinking about your lawn and garden. As you begin planning, please keep in mind the three-day-per-week watering schedule for outdoor irrigation systems established in September of 2025.

**To determine your weekly watering days, simply check the last digit of your home address:**

- If your address ends in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9), you can water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- If your address ends in an even number (0,2,4,6,8), you can water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- No watering on Mondays.

To reduce water loss to evaporation and make the most of every drop, watering is not permitted between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please restrict irrigation to the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and from 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on your designated watering days.

Variations to the three-day-per-week watering schedule may be requested to establish new seed, sod, or other special circumstances. To submit a variance request, visit [belaireks.gov/WaterVarianceRequest](https://belaireks.gov/WaterVarianceRequest), or call City Hall at 316-744-2451. Hand watering and other exempt actions do not require a variance request.

**For more information about the new watering schedule, please visit [belaireks.gov/Water](https://belaireks.gov/Water).**

## BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING REQUIRED IN 2026

If you have an irrigation system connected to the City's public water supply, it's time to have your backflow device tested! Bel Aire City code requires all backflow prevention devices to be tested by a certified technician licensed to conduct business in Bel Aire every even-numbered year. Test reports must be submitted to the City by June 1, 2026. If a backflow prevention device fails testing, it must be rebuilt or replaced. Rebuilds are only required when a device fails inspection.

As the June 1 deadline approaches, contractor availability may be limited. Residents are encouraged to contact a contractor and schedule the required backflow test in advance. For a current list of licensed contractors and additional information, please visit [belaireks.gov/Backflow](https://belaireks.gov/Backflow) or scan the QR code.

If you have permanently disconnected and capped your irrigation and wish to waive future testing requirements, contact City Hall at 316-744-2451 to schedule an inspection.

## Watering SCHEDULE

**EVEN ADDRESSES:**  
TUESDAY, THURSDAY,  
AND SATURDAY

**ODD ADDRESSES:**  
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY,  
AND SUNDAY

**NO WATERING ON MONDAY**



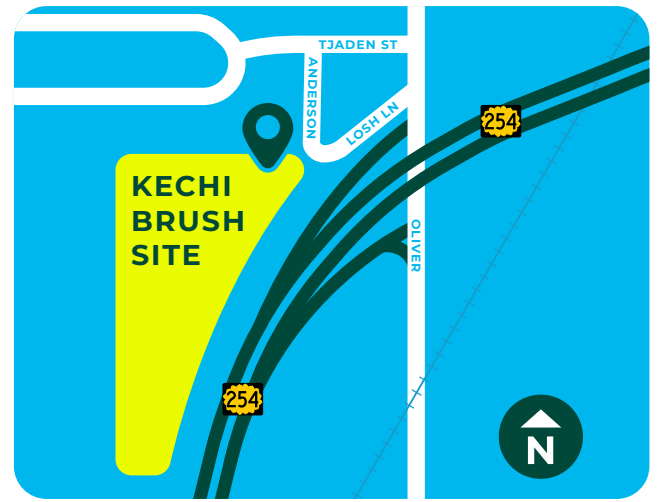
### KECHI BRUSH SITE

Did you know that all Bel Aire residents have access to the Kechi Brush Site, thanks to a cooperative agreement between the two cities? Located at the south end of Anderson Avenue and Losh Lane, simply bring proof of address, such as a driver's license or utility bill, to access the site.

**Hours:** Second Saturday of each month | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**What's allowed:** Branches, brush, limbs

**What's not allowed:** Tree trunks, grass, leaves, trash



### FROM THE TREE BOARD: PROPER TREE MULCHING

Applying mulch around the base of a tree is a cost-effective and essential practice for ensuring the long-term health of your trees. A common misconception is that mulch should be piled up in a volcano-like shape, with the chips touching the tree trunk. This method is incorrect and can lead to disease and deprive the tree of vital oxygen.

The best way to apply mulch is in a donut or bagel shape. Start by placing the mulch three to six inches away from the trunk, extending at least three feet in all directions, and maintain a depth of three to four inches.

Proper mulching helps eliminate competition for resources around the base of the tree and aids in preserving moisture within the soil. Additionally, mulch prevents soil erosion around the tree during heavy rains.

For more information, visit [belaireks.gov/MulchTips](https://belaireks.gov/MulchTips).



### PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Did you know that pet waste is not fertilizer? When left on the ground, harmful bacteria and parasites can wash into our stormwater system, making it unsafe for people and wildlife. Cleaning up after your pet is not just a matter of courtesy; it is an essential step to protect our community's health and keep Bel Aire clean.

To learn more about how the City of Bel Aire tackles stormwater management, visit [belaireks.gov/stormwater](https://belaireks.gov/stormwater).

### SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

Stay informed with important updates and emergency notifications from the City of Bel Aire through our text and email alert system. Visit [belaireks.gov/alerts](https://belaireks.gov/alerts) to sign up today.

### SPRING FESTIVAL MARCH 28 | 1-3 PM

Mark your calendars for this year's Spring Festival on March 28 from 1-3 p.m. at the Bel Aire Recreation Center (5251 E 48th St N). For more information, follow the Rec Center on Facebook at [facebook.com/BelAireRec](https://facebook.com/BelAireRec).

### 2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP

We will again offer a State-licensed day camp during summer break at Bel Aire Rec! Join us for summer fun filled with games, activities, and more! M-F 7:30 am to 6:30 pm, May 26th – Aug 7th. Must be 5 years old and have completed kindergarten. **Resident registration opened March 2nd and Nonresident registration opens March 16th.**

### SHORT SPORTS

This instructional 3-year-old program will teach basic sports skills including throwing, catching, kicking, and batting. Age-appropriate sports equipment will be utilized. Each child must have an adult partner (parent, guardian, etc.). Held on Tuesdays & Thursdays evenings beginning April 21st. **The deadline to register is April 6th or until full.**

### BLASTBALL

This introductory coed 4-year-old t-ball program teaches fundamental skills while having fun! One practice, followed by 6 games begin April 16th. **The deadline to register is April 6th or until full.**

### CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP

Score big this summer at Challenger Soccer Camp, the ultimate experience for young athletes ages 4-14! From July 6th to July 10th, your kids can sharpen their skills, build teamwork, and have a blast on the field. Join us for an unforgettable week of soccer, friendships, and growth!

### MACHINE PITCH

This coed program introduces 7-8-year-olds to baseball in a fun, recreational environment. Using a pitching machine ensures consistent pitches, helping players develop their hitting skills and confidence. Practices will begin the week of May 11th. Each team will have one scheduled practice per week, on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. 1-2 games per week are played on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. **The deadline to register is April 27th or until full.**

### T-BALL

Coed T-Ball for 5-6-year-olds will focus on fun, fundamentals, and teamwork. This program helps young athletes develop essential skills like hitting, throwing, and fielding in a supportive and energetic environment.

Practices will begin the week of May 11th. Each team will have one scheduled practice per week on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. 1-2 games per week are played on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Secure your spot today for a season full of fun and learning! **The deadline to register is April 27th or until full.**

### SPRING SOCCER STARS

Now enrolling ages 2-5 at Bel Aire Rec Center. Tuesdays (3/31-5/5) | 30-minute evening classes  
Soccer Stars is a fun, age-appropriate intro to soccer focused on coordination, confidence, and basic skills through engaging games and high-energy activities.

### REC NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our Email Newsletter & never miss a beat when our program registrations open!



◀ **SCAN THE CODE  
TO SIGN UP!**