

- 32 (i) a sports field;
- 33 (ii) a social gathering area;
- 34 (iii) an amphitheater;
- 35 (iv) a park;
- 36 (v) the playing area, including roughs, driving ranges, and chipping and putting
- 37 greens of a golf course; or
- 38 (vi) a cemetery.
- 39 (b) "Agricultural land" means "land in agricultural use" as defined in Section 59-2-502.
- 40 (c) "Common interest community" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 41 57-25-102.
- 42 (d) "Great Salt Lake drainage" means the area within:
- 43 (i) the surveyed meander line of the Great Salt Lake;
- 44 (ii) the drainage areas of the Bear River or the Bear River's tributaries;
- 45 (iii) the drainage areas of Bear Lake or Bear Lake's tributaries;
- 46 (iv) the drainage areas of the Weber River or the Weber River's tributaries;
- 47 (v) the drainage areas of the Jordan River or the Jordan River's tributaries;
- 48 (vi) the drainage areas of Utah Lake or Utah Lake's tributaries;
- 49 (vii) other water drainages lying between the Bear River and the Jordan River that are
- 50 tributary to the Great Salt Lake and not included in the drainage areas described in
- 51 Subsections (1)(d)(ii) through (vi); and
- 52 (viii) the drainage area of Tooele Valley.
- 53 (e) "Landscaped area" means those portions of specified land that are not, or will not be,
- 54 occupied by:
- 55 (i) a permanent structure; or
- 56 (ii) an impervious surface associated with vehicular or pedestrian access or use, such
- 57 as a driveway, sidewalk, or parking lot.
- 58 (f) "Land use application" means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-9a-103.
- 59 (g) "Land use permit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-9a-103.
- 60 (h) "New development" means a project for the conversion in use of previously
- 61 undeveloped land into a developed state.
- 62 (i) "Outdoor activity area" means a landscape area that is:
- 63 (i) dedicated to active use; and
- 64 (ii) installed or maintained on an area with a slope of not more than 25%.
- 65 (j) "Overhead spray irrigation" means above ground irrigation heads that spray water

66 through a nozzle.

67 (k) "Park strip" means the area between the back of a curb, or if there is no curb, the
68 edge of pavement and the sidewalk.

69 (l) "Redevelopment" means a project for renovation, alteration, improvement, or repair
70 of developed land that affects more than 25% of the landscaped area existing before
71 the redevelopment.

72 (m)(i) "Specified land" means real property within the Great Salt Lake drainage on
73 which the owner proposes new development or redevelopment, including real
74 property:

75 (A) in a common interest community; or

76 (B) in a commercial, industrial, institutional, mixed use, or multifamily project.

77 (ii) "Specified land" does not mean:

78 (A) agricultural land;

79 (B) a landscaped area within a common interest community that is not a common
80 area;

81 (C) new development or redevelopment of a single-family detached residential
82 dwelling;

83 (D) local entity property as defined in Section 11-39-108;

84 (E) school property as defined in Section 53G-7-224;

85 (F) state government grounds as defined in Section 63A-5b-1108; or

86 (G) landscaping in a highway construction project governed by Section 72-7-111.

87 (2)(a) A municipality shall:

88 (i) require an owner of specified land to comply with Subsection (3) as a condition of:

89 (A) approval of a land use application; or

90 (B) issuance of a land use permit; and

91 (ii) include a notice on or with a land use approval or land use permit for specified
92 land stating, "Utah law prohibits the use of overhead spray irrigation for your
93 project except in outdoor activity areas."

94 (b) A municipality is encouraged to:

95 (i) review and either approve or disapprove plans for outdoor activity areas proposed
96 for specified land for which the municipality approves a land use application or
97 issues a land use permit;

98 (ii) inspect specified land for compliance with this section upon completion of new
99 development or redevelopment; and

- 100 (iii) address noncompliance with this section.
- 101 (3) An owner of specified land who undertakes new development or redevelopment of
102 specified land on or after January 1, 2026, may not:
- 103 (a) install, maintain, or use overhead spray irrigation in a landscaped area of the
104 specified land unless the landscaped area is an outdoor activity area;
- 105 (b) install, maintain, or use overhead spray irrigation to irrigate the following within an
106 outdoor activity area described in Subsection (3)(a):
- 107 (i) a park strip;
- 108 (ii) an area with a width of less than eight feet; or
- 109 (iii) an area that is a planting bed; or
- 110 (c) include within an outdoor activity area under Subsection (3)(a) an area that is sized
111 larger than reasonably required for the anticipated use the outdoor activity area is
112 intended to accommodate.

113 Section 2. Section **17-50-342** is enacted to read:

114 **17-50-342 . Regulation of use of overhead spray irrigation.**

- 115 (1) As used in this section:
- 116 (a) "Active use" means regular use for playing, exercise, recreation, or regular outdoor
117 activities, such as:
- 118 (i) a sports field;
- 119 (ii) a social gathering area;
- 120 (iii) an amphitheater;
- 121 (iv) a park;
- 122 (v) the playing area, including roughs, driving ranges, and chipping and putting
123 greens of a golf course; or
- 124 (vi) a cemetery.
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127 57-25-102.
- 128 (d) "Great Salt Lake drainage" means the area within:
- 129 (i) the surveyed meander line of the Great Salt Lake;
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- 133 (v) the drainage areas of the Jordan River or the Jordan River's tributaries;

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135 (vii) other water drainages lying between the Bear River and the Jordan River that are
136 tributary to the Great Salt Lake and not included in the drainage areas described in
137 Subsections (1)(d)(ii) through (vi); and
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- 139 (e) "Landscaped area" means those portions of specified land that are not, or will not be,
140 occupied by:
- 141 (i) a permanent structure; or
142 (ii) an impervious surface associated with vehicular or pedestrian access or use, such
143 as a driveway, sidewalk, or parking lot.
- 144 (f) "Land use application" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-27a-103.
- 145 (g) "Land use permit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-27a-103.
- 146 (h) "New development" means a project for the conversion in use of previously
147 undeveloped land into a developed state.
- 148 (i) "Outdoor activity area" means a landscape area that is:
- 149 (i) dedicated to active use; and
150 (ii) installed or maintained on an area with a slope of not more than 25%.
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152 through a nozzle.
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154 edge of pavement and the sidewalk.
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156 of developed land that affects more than 25% of the landscaped area existing before
157 the redevelopment.
- 158 (m)(i) "Specified land" means real property within the Great Salt Lake drainage on
159 which the owner proposes new development or redevelopment, including real
160 property:
- 161 (A) in a common interest community; or
162 (B) in a commercial, industrial, institutional, mixed use, or multifamily project.
- 163 (ii) "Specified land" does not mean:
- 164 (A) agricultural land;
165 (B) a landscaped area within a common interest community that is not a common
166 area;
167 (C) new development or redevelopment of a single-family detached residential

- 168 dwelling;
169 (D) local entity property as defined in Section 11-39-108;
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177 (ii) include a notice on or with a land use approval or land use permit for specified
178 land stating, "Utah law prohibits the use of overhead spray irrigation for your
179 project except in outdoor activity areas."

180 (b) A county is encouraged to:

181 (i) review and either approve or disapprove plans for outdoor activity areas proposed
182 for specified land for which the county approves a land use application or issues a
183 land use permit;

184 (ii) inspect specified land for compliance with this section upon completion of new
185 development or redevelopment; and

186 (iii) address noncompliance with this section.

187 (3) An owner of specified land who undertakes new development or redevelopment of
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191 (b) install, maintain, or use overhead spray irrigation to irrigate the following within an
192 outdoor activity area described in Subsection (3)(a):

193 (i) a park strip;

194 (ii) an area with a width of less than eight feet; or

195 (iii) an area that is a planting bed; or

196 (c) include within an outdoor activity area under Subsection (3)(a) an area that is sized
197 larger than reasonably required for the anticipated use the outdoor activity area is
198 intended to accommodate.

199 **Section 3. Effective date.**

200 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.