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## City of Sauk Rapids issues water ban

Properties  
prohibited from  
using irrigation

BY ELLARRY PRENTICE  
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The city of Sauk Rapids has issued a water ban that went into effect at 11:59 p.m. June 9. Dangerously low water levels brought on by drought-like conditions and an increase in use of sprinklers and irrigation systems prompted the ban, according to a release from the city.

No private or public properties are allowed irrigation during the ban, which will remain in effect until the area receives significant rainfall, according to Adam Thene, assistant public works director.

"It's really been drawing on our water supply," Thene said of the drought.

The water plant is running at capacity, and the city needs to conserve water for emergencies such as fires.

"We're trying to save what we can," Thene said.

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## Storm warning: From underdogs to *section champions*



PHOTO BY TOM FENTON

Members of the Sauk Rapids-Rice Storm baseball team race from the dugout to celebrate their 7-4 victory over St. Francis in the Section 5AAA championship game June 10 at Joe Faber Field in St. Cloud. Sauk Rapids-Rice will play in the Minnesota State High School League Class AAA State Baseball Tournament quarterfinals Tuesday, June 15, at the Mini Met in Jordan.

## From one garden to another

BY ELLARRY PRENTICE  
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A Sauk Rapids parking lot turned green the morning of June 5.

Hundreds of locally-grown plants were dispersed outside Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School during an annual plant sale supporting the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener volunteer program in Benton County.

Before 8 a.m., locals had already lined up to purchase a variety of annual and perennial flowers, vegetables, herbs and house plants grown by master gardeners from Benton County. About a third of the flora was sold within the first half-hour before temperatures started to reach the 90s.

"We always like to see a big turnout," said Katie Drewitz, University of Minnesota Extension educator for horticulture, small farms and local foods in Benton, Stearns and Morrison counties. "When the community turns out to support our volunteer projects, it's good."

Master gardeners provided tips on plant selection and planting and helped visitors troubleshoot gardening issues.

"We love the plant sale," said Maureen Graber, Benton County Extension Master Gardener. "It's a fun thing."

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**Benton County  
Extension  
Master Gardeners  
host plant sale**



PHOTO BY ELLARRY PRENTICE

Katie Drewitz sets out items June 5 for the plant sale supporting the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener volunteer program in Benton County at the Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School in Sauk Rapids. The plant sale is the sole fundraiser for the master gardeners.

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