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"Reaching the end of the watering season"



The annual flowering plants in Northeast Nebraska are at their peak of blooming but days are getting shorter and frost is right around the corner.

Rhonda Tyler isn't counting the days until the plants she cares for in downtown Norfolk and in the Norfolk parks are at the end of their growing season.

"It's neat to watch the flowers grow. Some have struggled. Some I've treated for bugs and fertilized. I love working outside and I love flowers so it's the perfect job," Tyler said.

Tyler takes care of the 30 large flower pots that dot Norfolk Avenue and some of the side streets downtown. She also waters the flower beds at Skyview Park, Central Park, Johnson Park, the corners of First Street and Norfolk Avenue, Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, Winter Park and the Norfolk Public Library.

She'll put 450 gallons of water on the flowers about three times a week if it's dry and less if it rains.

There are a large variety of flowers across the City- cannas, zinca, marigolds, and geraniums but Tyler says she has her favorites – one of them being the brightly colored lantana.