



Stage 3 – Severe Drought Conditions

Goal: For water use reduction under Stage 3 is a reduction of 10 percent in the use that would have occurred in the absence of drought contingency and water emergency response measures.

Water Use Restrictions: All requirements for Stage 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3. Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- Irrigation of landscaped areas with automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to once every 7 days. Tuesdays for customers with street address ending in an even number (0,2,4,6 or 8), Thursdays for customers with street address ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7 or 9), irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- Prohibit hosing of paved areas, building, or windows.
- Prohibit operations of all ornamental fountains if they use treated water.
- Prohibit washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose except with hose end cutoff nozzle.
- Prohibit using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste.
- Foundations, new landscape, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to 2 hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using drip irrigation system.
- An exception is allowed for landscape associated with new construction that may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion.
- Prohibit hydro seeding, hydro mulching, and sprigging.
- Existing swimming pools may not be drained and refilled (except to replace normal water loss).
- Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice a week.
- Locations using other sources of water supply for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.
- Require Member Cities and Customers to initiate a rate surcharge for all water use over a certain level.

Institute a mandated reduction in deliveries to all Member Cities and Customers. Such a reduction will be distributed as required by Texas Water Code 11.039 (Appendix G).