



## STAGE 3 – SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS

**Goal:** Achieve a voluntary 90 percent (%) reduction in non-essential outdoor water use and a reduction of 30 percent (%) in total water use.

**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:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0,2,4,6 or 8) on Recycle week, Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7, or 9) on non Recycle week, irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering day. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted by means of a hand-held hose; a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system on permitted day only. **The use of hose-end sprinkler is PROHIBITED at all times.**
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premise of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations in the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (c) Use of water to fill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- (f) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
- (g) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are **prohibited**:
  1. Wash down of any sidewalk, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  3. Use of water for dust control;
  4. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  5. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).
- (h) All water deliveries to wholesale customers may be curtailed by use of rate of flow controllers as provided for in Texas Water Code 11.039.