

City of Universal City

Drought Response Plan - Stage II

Water Restrictions Are Now In Effect

The J-17 monitoring well in Bexar County has reached 650 ft. msl based on a 10 day rolling average, which is the trigger level for Stage II water restrictions. The Edwards Aquifer Authority has imposed significant percentage reductions on the city's annual water use while we are in critical period drought stages.

Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use limitations shall apply to all persons.

- All of the limitations and prohibitions applicable in Stage I apply in Stage II.
- Water customers shall comply with mandatory limits of landscape irrigation. Watering days will be based on the last digit of the address:

<u>Last Digit of Address</u>	<u>Day</u>
0&1	Monday
2&3	Tuesday
4&5	Wednesday
6&7	Thursday
8&9	Friday

- Landscape irrigation using a soaker hose, hose-end sprinkler or in-ground sprinkler system, is allowed only once a week on the designated watering day as determined by address during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Landscape irrigation with a drip irrigation system or five (5) gallon bucket is allowed during the Stage II hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on any day. Landscape irrigation with a handheld hose is allowed at any time on any day. **AN UNATTENDED HANDHELD HOSE WILL BE CONSIDERED THE SAME AS SPRINKLERS.**
- No person may use groundwater for an ornamental outdoor fountain or similar feature, unless the water is recycled, and the only additional groundwater used for the feature is to compensate for evaporative losses.
- No residential or nonresidential property owners may use water to pressure wash an impervious outdoor ground covering such as a parking lot, driveway, street, or sidewalk unless for health or safety reasons. Residential and nonresidential property owners may pressure wash their property for health and safety or in preparation of residential property maintenance such as for painting.

- Athletic fields: Public or private owners of an athletic field must comply with the provisions of this Plan unless an administrative waiver has been approved by the City Manager.
- Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Universal City.
- Residential car washing and mobile equipment (e.g. washing vehicles at a residence) is permitted only on Saturday and Sunday with a pressure washer, handheld hose equipped with an automatic shut off nozzle or bucket of five (5) gallons or less, without waste. Fleet managers are encouraged to only wash those vehicles as is necessary for health and safety.

Penalties

Any person who violates this Plan is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, the person shall be punished by a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) and not more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) during Stage II.

Termination of Stage II

Stage II of the Plan may be rescinded when the Edwards Aquifer Index Well , J-17, maintains a level 650 ft.-msl for ten (10) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage II, Stage I becomes operative.

A copy of the entire ordinance is available online at the Universal City web site <http://www.universalcitytexas.com/> , click on the Public Works section or call the Public Works office at (210) 658-5364.