

# **City of Universal City**

## **Drought Response Plan - Stage IV**

### **Water Restrictions Are Now In Effect**

The J-17 monitoring well in Bexar County has reached 630 ft. msl based on a 10 day rolling average or the City Manager declares an emergency water shortage condition exists, which is the trigger level for Stage IV 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, II and III apply in Stage IV unless otherwise specified.
- Stage III watering restrictions remain in effect.
- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, recreational vehicle or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited except at car washes that recycle at least 75% of the water it uses or that is certified as a conservation car wash.
- Penalty water rates will go into effect for all customers only if the emergency water shortage stage continues. Penalty rates will be twice the normal rate for all customers.
- Implementation of additional drought contingency measures may be applied by the direction of the City Council or Edwards Aquifer Authority.

#### **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 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) during Stage IV.

#### **Termination of Stage IV**

Stage IV of the Plan may be rescinded only when the Edwards Aquifer Index Well, J-17, is above the trigger level of 630 ft.-msl for ten (10) consecutive days and it is determined conditions warrant termination of the measures. Upon termination of Stage IV, Stage III 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.