



Stage 2 Drought Management Measures Guidelines

Basics

- ◆ Because of low lake levels, the City has implemented Stage 2 of the Drought Management Plan
- ◆ Stage 2 will be enacted on **Tuesday, July 15th**, enforcement will begin **Friday, August 15th**
- ◆ These measures apply to **ALL** City of Portland water customers

Water Uses & Drought Provisions

- ◆ **Sprinkler Irrigation** Limited to **ONE DAY PER WEEK**. The designated watering day is on the residential trash collection day for the area.
- ◆ **Hand-held and drip irrigation** Allowed any time, any day with a hand-held bucket, hand-held hose, or drip irrigation system equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle (including soaker hoses).
- ◆ **Outside City Limits** Customers outside city limits will be allowed watering usage on Fridays.
- ◆ **Vehicles** Washing of motor vehicles, motorbikes, boats, and trailers is limited to the designated watering day, except at a commercial car wash. Washing at home shall be done with a hand-held bucket or hose with a positive shutoff nozzle.
- ◆ **Foundations** Watering to maintain the integrity of building foundations is allowed on any day with a hand-held hose or drip irrigation system.
- ◆ **Water use from Hydrants** Permitted for construction purposes with special permit. Water is also permitted for firefighting and purposes necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare.
- ◆ **Filling Pools** Limited to designated watering day.
- ◆ **Washing buildings, sidewalks, etc.** Prohibited, except for business purposes or if in interest of public health and safety. **(PERMIT REQUIRED)**

Always in Effect

- ◆ No sprinkler irrigation or lawn watering between **10am and 6pm**
- ◆ Irrigation must not result in water-run off or overflow into storm drains
- ◆ Water may not run constantly through a tap, hydrant, or valve
- ◆ Defective plumbing which results in water loss or leaks must be repaired
- ◆ No using of non-recycling decorative water fountain
- ◆ Irrigation heads or sprinklers are not permitted to spray directly on paved surfaces such as driveways or sidewalks in public right-of-ways
- ◆ An irrigation system cannot operate at water pressures higher than recommended, causing heads to mist, or to operate with broken heads

Variances

Variances from water restrictions are available under certain circumstances and must be approved via permit. The exemption types include new plantings, hardships, and special circumstances. Visit www.portlandtx.com for an application or the Public Works office at 1101 Moore Avenue. **Please note previously issued Water Use Permits are expired and a new permit must be obtained.**