



## Drought Management Measures Guidelines

### Basics

- ◆ Because of low lake levels, the City has implemented drought restrictions
- ◆ Drought restrictions were enacted on **June 13, 2018**.
- ◆ 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](http://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.**