



## Stage 2 Response – MODERATE WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS (WATER WARNING)

Effective August 9, 2023

**Goal:** *Achieve a 20% reduction in daily water demand.*

**Water Use Restrictions for Reducing Demand:** Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

### 1. Landscape Irrigation

- a. Irrigation by all commercial, industrial, and residential customers utilizing individual sprinklers, or sprinkler systems, of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs, or other plants is prohibited except on a designated day which shall be once every two (2) weeks and then only during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. Provided, however, irrigation of gardens, flowerbeds, trees, and shrubs is permitted at any time of day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- ii. A faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used, or
- iii. A drip irrigation system such as a soaker hose, deep root water system, or bubbler is used. For this section, a drip irrigation system is defined as an irrigation device or system designed to emit water at low volumes and low pressures directly onto the soil surface or below the soil surface without airborne streams or droplets.

Irrigation of LAWNS is permitted at any time of day on any day if:

- i. A garden hose is used and is held in hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or
- ii. A faucet filled with five (5) gallons or less is used.

A drip irrigation system SHALL NOT be used to irrigate LAWNS except on designated days and at designated times. (Designated Watering Days are Tuesday for even-numbered addresses and Thursday for odd-numbered addresses).

- b. New lawns may be watered daily for eight (8) minutes once each of the following periods: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and at regular

intervals between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a maximum of three (3) weeks. To qualify under this section, new lawns are those installed in conjunction with the construction of a new residence and for a period of six (6) months after that. Re-tilling, replanting, or reseeding existing lawns shall NOT qualify for new lawn status in this section.

2. Vehicle Washing

- a. It is permissible to wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, and other types of mobile equipment at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial service station or at any location, including a resident, by using a five (5) gallon container and/ or a hand-held hose equipped with a quick shut off nozzle for quick rinses.
- b. If the health, safety, and welfare of the public depend upon frequent vehicle cleaning, as determined by the City Administrator or his/her designee (s), then washing of vehicles such as emergency vehicles, aircraft, garbage trucks, and vehicles used to transport food and perishables will be allowed.
- c. Charity car washes are prohibited.

3. Water may be added to swimming pools to sustain appropriate maintenance levels weekly on the customer's regularly scheduled irrigation days.

4. Ornamental fountains are allowed if the fountain is equipped with a device for recycling water, and water may be added to sustain appropriate maintenance levels only on the customer's regularly designated watering day.

5. Use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. With written approval from the City Administrator, businesses may purchase and draw water from fire hydrants for land development and building construction processes.

6. The following uses of water are defined as "waste of water" and are prohibited:

- a. Allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than 75 feet from the downgrade of the property line;
- b. Failure to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.
- c. Operating a permanently installed irrigation system with:
  - i. A broken sprinkler head;
  - ii. A sprinkler head that is spraying over a street or parking lot because it is out of adjustment; or
  - iii. A sprinkler head that is misting due to high pressure
- d. Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire, health, and safety hazards or to prepare an area for pavement repair or application.

7. Commercial and Industrial Users

- a. Commercial and industrial water users shall maintain at least a 15% monthly water use reduction compared to use during the same month of the previous year.

The City Administrator may adjust individual allotments based on the customer's historical water usage conservation practices. The other restrictions of Stage 2 still apply to commercial and industrial users.

- b. Industrial users may present a Conservation Plan for approval by the City Administrator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C McGuire', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher McGuire  
City Administrator