

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES IN FREDERICKSBURG FOR SUMMER 2011



WATER CONSERVATION STAGES

STAGE 1 - MILD Conditions:

Stage 1 is mandatory conservation from June 1 through September 30 of each year. This stage requires that customers water only in the evening and early morning hours between 6:00 p.m. through 10:00 a.m. In *Stage 1*, watering is prohibited between the daytime hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

STAGE 2 - MODERATE Water Shortage:

In this situation, the following schedule and regulations should be followed, allowing watering 3 days per week:

- All outdoor irrigation by hose-end sprinklers, automatic sprinklers, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation, may occur between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Watering with a hand-held hose is only allowed during these hours.
 - Watering of plants with a bucket or other hand-held container shall be permitted in all stages of watering restrictions without limitation as to the time or day of the week.
 - The time restrictions do not apply to the irrigation of commercial plant nurseries; however, these establishments shall curtail all nonessential water use.
 - The designated outdoor water use days are as follows:
 - ⇒ SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY - ***EVEN*** numbered addresses or those properties with no assigned number, may water as noted above.
 - ⇒ TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY - ***ODD*** numbered addresses may water as noted above.
 - ⇒ No watering is allowed on MONDAYS.
 - Vegetable/herb gardens may be watered by a drip irrigation system or soaker hose on off days and by any method on designated days, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 - Charity carwashes are prohibited.
 - The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, and other types of mobile equipment is prohibited except between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The washing, when allowed, must be done with a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.
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STAGE 3 - SEVERE Water Shortage:

In this situation, the following schedule and regulations should be followed, allowing watering 2 days per week:

- All requirements of Stage 2 remain in effect during Stage 3.
 - All outdoor irrigation by hose-end sprinklers, automatic sprinklers, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation, may occur between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Watering with a hand-held hose is only allowed during these hours.
 - The designated outdoor water use days are as follows:
 - ⇒ SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY - ***EVEN*** numbered addresses or those properties with no assigned number, may water as noted above.
 - ⇒ TUESDAY AND SATURDAY - ***ODD*** numbered addresses may water as noted above.
 - ⇒ No watering is allowed on MONDAYS, THURSDAYS, or FRIDAYS.
 - Vegetable/herb gardens may be watered by a drip irrigation system or soaker hose on off days and by any method on designated days, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 - The use of water for washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, patios, or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate health or fire hazards, is prohibited.
 - The watering of the ground around foundations to prevent foundation cracking is permitted only during the times designated for landscape irrigation.
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STAGE 4 - CRITICAL Water Shortage:

In this situation, the following schedule and regulations should be followed, allowing watering 1 day per week:

- All requirements of Stage 3 remain in effect during Stage 4.
- All outdoor irrigation by hose-end sprinklers, automatic sprinklers, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation, may occur between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Watering with a hand-held hose is only allowed during these hours.
- The designated outdoor water use days are as follows:
 - ⇒ MONDAY - Addresses ending in 1 or 2
 - ⇒ TUESDAY - Addresses ending in 3 or 4
 - ⇒ WEDNESDAY - Addresses ending in 5 or 6
 - ⇒ THURSDAY - Addresses ending in 7 or 8
 - ⇒ FRIDAY - Addresses ending in 9 or 0 or those properties with no assigned number
 - ⇒ No watering is allowed on SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.
- Vegetable/herb gardens may be watered by a drip irrigation system or soaker hose on off days and by any method on designated days, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- The filling or refilling of water in privately owned swimming, wading, and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited. Water may be added to pools to replace water lost due to use or evaporation on designated outdoor water use days.
- The watering of golf course tees and fairways is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes treated wastewater effluent or other water sources than provided by the City of Fredericksburg potable water system.
- Bulk sales of water for purposes other than potable consumption and sanitation are prohibited.

City council may implement further water rationing including implementing a water rationing program to curtail residential, commercial, industrial, and other water usage if the above actions do not achieve the water reduction goals or if these actions do not alleviate the Stage 4 trigger conditions. The rationing program shall contain specific reduction amounts for each customer class.

STAGE 5 - EMERGENCY Water Shortage:

In this situation, the following regulations should be followed, allowing NO WATERING:

- All requirements of Stage 4 remain in effect during Stage 5.
- Irrigation of landscape areas is prohibited at all times.
- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle is prohibited at all times.
- The filling, refilling, or adding of potable water to private swimming, wading, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.
- No applications for new, additional, expanded, or increase-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or water service facilities of any kind shall be allowed or approved.
- In the event of system failure or contamination, the City Manager will manage the City of Fredericksburg limited water supply by requiring such measures as are necessary to maintain public health and safety, including elimination of service to part or all of the water system.

City personnel will be monitoring compliance of the regulations as set forth in the Water Conservation Measures. Violating these regulations is a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, violators will be punished in accordance with the general penalty. **Watering restrictions will be strictly enforced. Violations are subject to possible fines of up to \$500 and the possibility of water service disconnection.**

For more helpful tips on water conservation, please visit our website at www.fbgtx.org.

Residents with questions about the Water Conservation Measures, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (830)997-7521.