



WATER CONSERVATION DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

The City of Laredo hereby notifies the community that the Water Conservation Drought Contingency Plan - Stage 3, will take effect immediately by the new changes in Ordinance No. 2019-O-139

Stage 3 - Mandatory Conservation

Watering schedule in place for:

- Irrigation through hose-end sprinklers or automatic.
- Washing automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, and other types of mobile equipment.
- Refilling or adding water to pools.



Addresses Ending in:

Even Numbers
(0, 2, 4, 6, 8)



Wednesdays

Odd Numbers
(1, 3, 5, 7, 9)



Saturdays

Irrigation by a continuously attended hand held hose is permitted at any time.



Stage 3—Mandatory.

Triggering level. Amistad conservation level is twenty (20) percent or WTP capacity is ninety (90) percent for one (1) day.

Cumulative reduction goal. Thirty (30) percent.

Mandatory compliance—Water shortage alert. During Stage 3 the following restrictions shall apply to all persons. All elements of Stage 2 shall remain in effect in Stage 3 except that:

Irrigation utilizing hose-end sprinklers or automatic sprinkler systems for lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and other plants is prohibited except during designated hours which shall be before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. of the designated days. Customers with an address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) are only allowed to water between designated hours on Wednesdays of each week. Customers with an address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) are only allowed to water between designated hours on Saturdays of each week.

Irrigation of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other plants is permitted at any time if:

A continuously attended hand-held hose is used; or

A drip irrigation system is used. (Soaker hoses are not drip irrigation systems.)

Exception: Commercial nurseries, commercial sod farmers, and similarly situated establishments are exempt from Stage 3 irrigation restrictions, but will be requested to curtail all nonessential water use.

The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes and other types of mobile equipment is prohibited except on designated hours before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. of the designated days. Customers with an address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) are only allowed to wash mobile equipment between designated hours on Wednesdays of each week. Customers with an address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) are only allowed to wash mobile equipment between designated hours on Saturdays of each week. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.

Exception: Washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial carwash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from this division if the health, safety and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleaning, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables..

The refilling or adding of water to residential swimming and/or wading pools is prohibited except on designated hours before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. of the designated days. Customers with an address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) are only allowed to use water for this purpose between designated hours on Wednesdays of each week. Customers with an address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) are only allowed to water for this purpose between designated hours on Saturdays of each week.

The operation of any ornamental fountain or other structure making similar use of water is prohibited except for those fountains or structures with a recycling system.

The use of water for irrigation for parks, plazas, and squares is prohibited except on designated hours before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. of the designated days. The irrigation of golf course fairway is absolutely prohibited. Utilizing wastewater effluent or well water is exempted from the provisions of this division.

Essential and utility use.

Essential use:

Firefighting. No restrictions.

Medical use by health care facilities. No restrictions.

Water utility use:

Reduction of average system pressure to (fifty (50) psi is recommended.

Leak detection and system repairs are recommended.

Stabilizing and equalizing system pressure is recommended.

Sewer line flushing: reduction is recommended.

Fire hydrant flushing: reduction is recommended.

Power production use: reduction of water use for power production is recommended.

The following uses of water are defined as waste of water and are absolutely prohibited:

Allowing irrigation water to run off into a gutter, ditch, drain, sidewalk, or street;

Failure to repair a controllable leak;

Washing sidewalks, streets, driveways, parking area, tennis courts, or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire hazards.

Irrigation using hose-end sprinklers or automatic sprinkler systems for athletic fields is prohibited except during designated hours which shall be before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. of the designated days. Customers with an address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) are only allowed to water between designated hours on Wednesdays. Customers with an address

ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) are only allowed to water between designated hours on Saturdays. Irrigation using hand-held hoses or drip irrigation systems is exempt.

No bulk water sales shall be made from the city or water points for any purpose when such water will be transported by any tanker truck or similar type vehicle outside the City of Laredo except for domestic or residential use or for livestock as approved by the utilities director.

Fire hydrant water sales shall cease. Users shall be directed to obtain effluent from the wastewater treatment plants as available. Potable water shall only be made available for direct human consumption, to maintain sanitary conditions and for livestock only with written approval from the utilities director.