

## Stage 3 Watering Restrictions

**Stage 3 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Emergency Water response plan for the City of Allen, Texas (the plan), and Ordinance Numbers 2760-8-08 and 3234-6-14 are in effect.** 10% REDUCTION GOAL is required by North Texas Municipal Water District. Customers must use the [Stage 3 Outdoor Watering Schedule Map](#) to identify what day watering is permitted for their neighborhood. The City will strictly enforce water use restrictions. **Citations are punishable by significant fines for each violation.** All restrictions from the Water Conservation Plan and Stages 1, 2, and 3 of the Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Response Plan apply.

### In the Plan, Stage 3 States:

- Initiate mandatory water use restrictions as follows:
  - Prohibit hosing of paved areas, buildings, or windows. (Pressure washing of impervious surfaces is allowed.)
  - Prohibit operation of all ornamental fountains or other amenity impoundments to the extent they use treated water.
  - Prohibit washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose unless using a shut-off nozzle.
  - Prohibit using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste
- **Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems between November 1 and March 31 to once every two weeks.**
- **Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems between April 1 and October 31 to once weekly.**
- **Time of day restrictions prohibiting lawn irrigation watering from 10 AM to 6 PM beginning April 1 and ending October 31 of each year.**
- All customers, residential and commercial, will be allowed to water as delineated by the [City's map](#). Exceptions are as follows:
  - Foundations, shrubs, lawns, and trees within a ten foot radius of their trunk may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system. (Please limit this to no more than one additional day, only if necessary.) Excessive runoff is not permitted.
  - Golf courses may water greens and tee boxes without restrictions.
  - Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice per week.
  - Locations using on-site well water or properly permitted creek withdrawals may irrigate without restrictions.
  - Water may not be trucked or otherwise transported into the City for irrigation purposes.
  - **ET/Smart irrigation systems are not exempt from watering restrictions.**
  - Exception for the establishment of new sodded grasses, for new construction only. The exemption for new sodded grass areas shall not exceed 30 consecutive days for the Certificate of Occupancy date, Temporary Certificate of Occupancy date, or Certificate of Completion date for new home or building construction.
- Prohibit hydroseeding, hydromulching, and sprigging.
- Existing swimming pools may not be drained and refilled (except to replace normal water loss). Permits to construct new pools may continue to be issued and the pools may be constructed and filled with water. (In case of extreme equipment failure, or severe

cracks/leaks to the pools, a variance to drain repair and refill may be granted on a case by case basis. Pool Companies may contact 214-509-4559 for more information.)

- Prohibit watering of golf courses using treated water, except as needed to keep greens and tee boxes alive.
- Prohibit the operation of all spray ground water parks or other water spray recreation activities that do not treat and recirculate water.
- Prohibit the procurement of construction water ( i.e. through fire hydrant meters) from the City of Allen water supply that will be used outside the corporate city limits of the City of Allen.

In addition to Stage 3, these following measures from Stage 2 and the water conservation portion of the plan are also still in effect. The Plan states:

Water Conservation Portion of Plan Section 8.4:

- **Time of day restrictions prohibiting lawn irrigation watering from 10 AM to 6 PM beginning April 1 and ending October 31 of each year.**
- Prohibition of watering of impervious surfaces. (Wind driven water drift will be taken into consideration.)
- Prohibition of outdoor watering during precipitation or freeze events
- Prohibition of the use of treated water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and any other natural or manmade ponds. A pond is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more.
- Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers required on all new irrigation systems. Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers must be maintained to function properly.
- "At home" car washing can be done only when using a hose with a shut-off nozzle.

#### **Additional Water Conservation Measures:**

- Prohibition of use of poorly maintained irrigation systems that waste water.
- **Prohibition of planting/watering cool season grasses** (such as rye grass or other similar grasses) that intensify cool season water requirements, with an exception allowed for golf courses and public athletic fields and/or recreational practice/playing fields and an exception for locations using on-site well water or properly permitted on-site creek withdrawals. The trucking or transporting of water from off-site is prohibited.
- Requirement that the playing surface on all new public athletic fields be irrigated by a separate programmable irrigation zone from surrounding areas.
- Water will only be served in all restaurants and food service establishments upon customer request. Positive shut-off nozzles must be used in all restaurant and food service establishment kitchens to prevent wash and rinse water running continuously.

