

Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District: ACTIVATE STAGE 2 Drought Conservation Plan

Texas public water systems are required by state law to have a Drought Contingency Plan that dictates how customers may use water, based on the time of year and intensity of drought conditions. The Plan is divided by stages, and the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District has prompted a Stage 2 implementation, which includes the following restrictions under penalty for violation:

- 1.** Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with street addresses ending in an even number and Tuesday and Saturdays for customers with street addresses ending in an odd number. Irrigation times shall be limited to the hours of 00:00 – 05:00 (midnight – 5am) and 21:00 – 00:00 (9pm – midnight) during the appropriately designated day.
- 2.** Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- 3.** Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 00:00 – 05:00 (midnight – 5am) and 21:00 – 00:00 (9pm – midnight).
- 4.** Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 00:00 – 05:00 (midnight – 5am) and 21:00 – 00:00 (9pm – midnight). Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a handheld bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks or vehicles used to transport food and perishables. Customers are required to consult with Central States Water Resources using the format listed in Section 7 EXEMPTIONS FROM DCP (below) to determine if they are applicable for an exemption.
- 5.** Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. Use of water from

designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be applicable for an exemption by consulting with Central States Water Resources using the format listed in Section 7 EXEMPTIONS FROM DCP (below).

6. All non-essential water use as defined in Section 3 DEFINITIONS, except as expressed above, is prohibited.

To access the full Drought Contingency Plan, click on the link below:

<https://bit.ly/CSWRTXDroughtContingencyPlan>