

	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>Stage 4</b>	<b>Stage 5</b>
<b>Irrigation with hose-end sprinklers</b>	Allowed one day per week on the designated weekday during designated usage times	Allowed one day per week on the designated weekday during designated usage times	Allowed one day every other week on the designated weekday during designated usage times	Allowed one day every other week on the designated weekday during designated usage times	Prohibited
<b>Irrigation with automatic sprinkler irrigation systems</b>	Allowed one day per week beginning on the designated weekday at 8 pm and ending the following day at 8 am	Allowed one day per week beginning on the designated weekday at 8 pm and ending the following day at 8 am	Allowed one day every other week beginning on the designated weekday at 8 pm and ending the following day at 4 am	Allowed one day every other week beginning on the designated weekday at 8 pm and ending the following day at 4 am	Prohibited
<b>Irrigation with drip irrigation or soaker hose</b>	Allowed any day, any time	Allowed any day during designated usage times	Allowed any day during designated usage times	Allowed one day per week on the designated weekday during designated usage times	Allowed one day every other week on the designated weekday during designated usage times
<b>Hand watering with bucket or hose</b>	Allowed any day, any time	Allowed any day, any time	Allowed any day, any time	Allowed any day during designated usage times	Allowed one day per week on the designated weekday during designated usage times
<b>At-home car washing</b>	Allowed one day per week	Allowed one day per week	Allowed one day per week	Allowed one day per week	Prohibited
<b>Swimming pools</b>	Should be covered when not in use	Should be covered when not in use	Should be covered when not in use	Filling existing pools prohibited unless required for health and safety	Filling new and existing pools prohibited unless required for health and safety
<b>Decorative water features</b>	Must use recirculating system	Filling new features prohibited	Use of outdoor features prohibited	Use of outdoor features prohibited	Use of outdoor features prohibited
<b>Washing impervious surfaces</b>	Allowed one day per week	Allowed one day per week	Prohibited unless required for health and safety	Prohibited unless required for health and safety	Prohibited unless required for health and safety

● **Waste of water** is prohibited at all times. Waste includes any activity which causes or results in excessive water usage, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) allowing water to run off a property onto adjacent properties, or into a gutter, ditch, drain, creek, or any other natural or man-made water course;
- (2) operating a sprinkler system with broken heads or pipes, or with misaligned spray heads that direct water over a street or parking lot; or
- (3) failure to repair any controllable leak.

● **Car washing** - Charity car washes are prohibited at all times unless held at a commercial car wash facility. At home car washing must be done using a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff device.

● **Foundation watering** using a drip irrigation system, soaker hose or hand-held hose is allowed one day per week in all stages.

● **Designated usage times** - Irrigation with hose-end sprinklers and automatic sprinkler irrigation systems is prohibited during daytime hours year-round except during the following designated usage times:

- (1) midnight to 10 am and 5 pm to midnight during standard time;
- (2) midnight to 10 am and 8 pm to midnight during daylight savings time.

● **Designated weekdays** are as follows:

- (1) Monday for addresses ending in 0 or 1;
- (2) Tuesday for addresses ending in 2 or 3;
- (3) Wednesday for addresses ending in 4 or 5;
- (4) Thursday for addresses ending in 6 or 7;
- (5) Friday for addresses ending in 8 or 9.

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## Drought Response Rules

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