

Sec. 24-75. Restrictions.

The severity of the water shortages shall be determined primarily by following the criteria set out in section 24-74(a). The restrictive measures in effect at each stage are as follows:

- (1) *Stage I voluntary water conservation notification.* In the event the town manager or his/her designee finds that a water emergency situation exists the manager is empowered to declare a stage I voluntary water conservation notification. After complying with the notice notification provisions contained in section 24-73(a), the following water restrictions and conservation measures shall be encouraged, recommended and requested:
 - a. Inspect and repair all faulty and defective parts of faucets and toilets causing water waste.
 - b. Use shower for bathing rather than bathtub and limit shower to no more than five (5) minutes.
 - c. Do not leave faucets running while shaving, rinsing dishes or brushing teeth.
 - d. Limit use of clothes washers and dishwashers, and when used, operate fully loaded.
 - e. Limit sprinkler irrigation of lawns to what is necessary for lawn survival.
 - f. Drip irrigation and hand-held, spring loaded hoses may be used any time.
 - g. Water shrubbery the minimum required, reusing household water when possible.
 - h. Limit vehicle washing.
 - i. Do not wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, driveways, etc.
 - j. Install water flow restrictions in showerheads and other water-saving devices.
 - k. Use disposable and biodegradable dishes where possible.
 - l. Install water-saving devices in toilets.
 - m. Limit hours of operation of water-cooled air conditioners.
 - n. Limit refilling of swimming or wading pools.
 - o. Conservation in public buildings, institutions, dormitories and similar facilities is encouraged.
 - p. Water conservation should be followed during all phases of construction-related activities. Where available, water needed should be obtained from supplemental sources.
 - q. To do everything else that is reasonable to accomplish water conservation.

- (2) *Stage II water conservation alert.* In the event the town manager or his/her designee finds that a water emergency situation exists that cannot be controlled with implementation of Stage I water shortage measures, the manager is empowered to declare that a water shortage emergency exists and may declare a stage II water conservation alert. After complying with the notification provisions contained in section 24-73(a), the town manager or his/her designee shall:

- a. Issue the following mandatory water restrictions, and thereafter, it shall be unlawful for a customer to:
 - 1. Fail to take all actions requested in stage I, which are incorporated herein by reference, along with the following more restrictive measures where applicable, with the measures set out in Stage II to control in the event of a conflict.
 - 2. Irrigate lawns, shrubbery, and trees and other outside water uses except by the following schedules and restrictions:
 - i. All even numbered street addresses shall water only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. the following day.
 - ii. All odd numbered street addresses shall water only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. the following day.
 - iii. No sprinkler irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, and trees on Monday.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, PERSONS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF PLANTS, SHRUBBERY, TREES AND FLOWERS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO USE WATER, BY ANY METHOD AT ANY TIME, FOR IRRIGATION OF THEIR COMMERCIAL STOCK IN TRADE. ALSO, THOSE USING DRIP IRRIGATION AND HAND-HELD SPRING LOADED HOSES, AND OTHER HAND-HELD WATERING METHODS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO WATER AT ANY TIME.

(3) *Stage III water shortage warning.* In the event the town manager or his/her designee finds that a water emergency situation exists that cannot be controlled with implementation of Stage I and Stage II water shortage measures, the manager is empowered to declare that a water shortage emergency exists and may declare a stage III water shortage warning. After complying with those notice provisions contained in section 24-73(a), the town manager or his/her designee shall:

- a. Issue the following mandatory water restrictions, and thereafter, it shall then be unlawful for a customer to:
 - 1. Fail to take all actions requested in stage II, which are incorporated herein by reference, along with the following more restrictive measures where applicable with the measures set out in Stage III to control in the event of a conflict.
 - 2. Sprinkler irrigate lawns, shrubbery, and trees and all other outside water uses except that a customer may sprinkler irrigate newly sown lawns daily only for the first thirty (30) days.

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ALSO, ANY CUSTOMER MAY USE DRIP IRRIGATION AND HAND-HELD, SPRING LOADED HOSES AND OTHER HAND-HELD METHODS OF WATERING TO WATER ANY TIME ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIED DAYS:

- (1) All even numbered street addresses only on Wednesday and Sunday beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. the following day.
- (2) All odd numbered street addresses shall irrigate only on Tuesday and Saturday beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. the following day.
3. Operate water-cooled air conditioners or other equipment that does not recycle cooling water, except when health and safety are adversely affected.
4. Wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes or any other type of mobile equipment, except that parts of vehicles may be washed where required by federal, state or local laws or for safety reasons. Provided, however, that any commercial or business-operated car wash facility shall be permitted to use water for such purposes. Further, a person regularly engaged in the sale and/or renting of motor vehicles shall be permitted to use water for the cleaning of their commercial stock; however, any such person shall ensure that water is not wasted.
5. Wash down outside areas such as streets, driveways, service station aprons, parking lots, office buildings, exteriors of existing or newly constructed homes or apartments, sidewalks or patios, or to use water for similar purposes except for health and safety requirements of federal, state and local laws; provided, however, hand-washing of exterior surfaces of a building for the purpose of preparing them for painting shall be permitted. Provided further, licensed commercial pressure washers shall be permitted to operate. However, any such facility's owner/operator shall ensure that water is not wasted.
6. Operate or introduce water, except where such water is totally recycled, into any ornamental fountain, pool or pond or other structure making similar use of water.
7. Serve drinking water in restaurants, cafeterias or other food establishments, except upon specific request.
8. Use water from any public or private fire hydrants for any purpose other than fire suppression or other public emergency except that licensed contractors engaged in construction activities shall be permitted to operate essential dust control and compaction activities. Water use for normal maintenance of water and/or sewer lines is permitted.

9. Commercial, industrial and construction operations shall eliminate all waste of water.
 10. Use water for any unnecessary purpose or to waste water.
- (4) *Stage IV water shortage crisis.* In the event the town manager or his/her designee finds that a water emergency situation exists that cannot be controlled with implementation of Stage I, Stage II, and Stage III water shortage measures, the manager is empowered to declare a stage IV water shortage crisis. After complying with the notice provisions contained in section 24-73(a), the following mandatory water restrictions shall be imposed and therefore, it shall be unlawful for customers served by the town's water system to:
- a. Fail to take all actions requested or required in stages I, II and III, which are incorporated herein by reference, along with the following more restrictive measures where applicable with the measures set out in Stage IV to control in the event of a conflict.
 - b. Water lawns or do any other outside watering of plant materials, shrubbery, or trees, except by drip irrigation, spring loaded hand-held hoses or other hand-held methods or a bucket according to the following schedules:
 1. All even numbered street addresses shall water only on Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following day.
 2. All odd numbered street addresses shall water only on Saturday, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following day.
 - c. Exceed the following water usage mandate for "non-residential" customers:
 1. Commercial, industrial ("non-residential") customers and construction activities which utilize five thousand (5,000) or more gallons of water per day shall achieve mandatory reductions in daily water usage of twenty-five (25) percent, fifty (50) percent or seventy-five (75) percent, as ordered, through whatever means is available.
 2. The public services director or his/her designee shall determine the target reduction percentage by the severity of the water emergency. The public services director or his/her designee will inform in writing the town manager, who shall ensure that such percentages will be publicly announced as a part of an emergency declaration, which shall be published by the town in addition to the notice provisions in section 24-73(a) herein. The public services director or his/her designee shall determine compliance with the daily usage reduction targets, based on average usage during the corresponding billing period of the most recent twelve (12) month period ending on June 30, in which no stage of this article, in all its forms, was in effect.

3. If no meter readings are recorded or otherwise available for a customer's billing period, the finance/billing department of the town will establish an average of similar users for the customer.
 4. If the managed reduction in water usage cannot be obtained without threatening health or safety, or if there has been a significant change in the customer's circumstances, the customer may apply to the public services director or his/her designee for a variance to the mandate.
 5. Variances to this restriction may be granted by the town manager to public health facilities, included, but not limited to, hospitals and nursing homes.
- d. Fail to meet the mandated water use reduction by each non-residential customer in whatever manner possible, including limitation of operating hours, or days, if necessary.
 - e. Fail to provide access to its property to town personnel by each non-residential customer for the purposes of meter reading and monitoring of compliance with this article.
 - f. Make any water service connections, whether inside or outside the town limits, except as herein provided.
- (5) *Stage V water shortage emergency.* In the event the town manager or his/her designee finds that a water emergency situation exists that cannot be controlled with implementation of Stage I, Stage II, Stage III, and Stage IV water shortage measures, the manager is empowered to declare a Stage V water shortage emergency. After complying with the notice provisions contained in section 24-73(a), the following mandatory water restrictions shall be imposed:
- a. All use of water for purposes other than maintenance of public health and safety is prohibited.
 - b. Usage by individuals shall be limited to those amounts necessary to sustain life through drinking, food preparation and personal hygiene.
 - c. Where the town system is not functional, National Guard, emergency service vehicles and private water sources may be utilized to distribute water for household use at prearranged locations within the affected area(s).