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**How are conservation rules, staging and penalties decided and enforced?**

**All conservation rules, penalties and stage designations are determined and enforced at the corporate level, a spokesperson with the Texas Water Development Board said in an email. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is tasked with reviewing Water Supply Corporation's drought contingency plans, which include these staging and enforcement efforts.**

**439 WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION IS PRESENTLY ON STAGE 2 DROUGHT**

**Stage 2 Response -- MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions**

**Goal:** Achieve a 10 percent reduction in total water use.

**Supply Management Measures:**

439 Water Supply will reduce or discontinue flushing of water mains and inform customers to conserve water through notices on bills. If necessary, a flow restriction device will be installed at the meter.

**Water Use Restrictions:** Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- b) 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 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. 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 rises. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, 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 and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

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- c) 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 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.**
- d) 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.
- e) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the 439 Water Supply Corporation.
- f) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours **12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.** However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the 439 Water Supply Corporation, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.
- g) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
- h) **The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:**
  - 1. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - 2. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - 3. use of water for dust control;
  - 4. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - 5. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

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# Press Release

August 2, 2023

## Stage 2 Drought Warning Declaration for Lake Belton

On August 1, 2023 Bell County Water Control & Improvement District #1 (WCID 1), along with the other entities drawing water supply from Lake Belton were notified by the Brazos River Authority that Stage 2 Drought Warning is going into effect. Stage 2 targets a 10% reduction in water usage from usage that would occur in the absence of drought measures. This declaration has been expected with the extreme drought conditions we're experiencing in the Central Texas area for both Lake Belton and Lake Stillhouse. For more information regarding the Brazos River Authority Drought Contingency Plan visit their website at [www.Brazos.org](http://www.Brazos.org).

While Water Conservation is always important, it has become essential for those that depend on Lake Belton or Lake Stillhouse for water supply. Please watch for notifications that will be forthcoming from your retail water provider as each entity has developed steps unique to their customers within their Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans.

WCID 1 provides wholesale water service to the cities of; Killeen, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Nolanville (WCID 3) and Belton along with Fort Cavazos and 439 Water Supply Corporation. For information regarding the WCID 1 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency plan please visit [www.wcid1.org](http://www.wcid1.org)

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