

(4) STAGE 4 Critical Water Shortage Conditions

Under threat of penalty for violation, all retail customers are required to reduce nonessential water uses during an emergency. All requirements of Stages 1 through 3 are also in effect during stage 4, with the following modifications and additions:

1. Irrigation of ornamental landscaped areas with hose end sprinklers and automatic irrigation, except drip irrigation, is prohibited.
2. Irrigation is allowed with a hand-held hose with a working on/off nozzle, bucket, or drip irrigation only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. one day per week on the designated outdoor water use day as determined by DSWSC.
3. New landscapes irrigated with spray irrigation are prohibited. New irrigated turf grass is prohibited. DSWSC may issue new landscape variances for planting beds installed with drought tolerant or native plants specified in the Grown Green Plant Guide as having low or very low water needs (<http://austintexas.gov/departments/grow-green/plant-guide>) and irrigated with point source drip irrigation or hand-held hose.
4. Use of water to operate outside water features, including fountains, outdoor misting systems, and splash pads is prohibited.
5. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle is prohibited, except as required for public health and safety purposes. Commercial car washing facilities may operate for health and safety purposes only except facilities which recycle water.
6. Golf courses receiving any amount of treated water from DSWSC must either develop a drought contingency plan in accordance with DSWSC Drought Contingency Plan and will implement its Stage 4 mandatory restrictions in conjunction with the water provider or adopt the LCRA sample golf course drought contingency plan.
7. Public/community swimming pools are allowed to fill or replenish water in order to maintain safe levels of water quality for human contact.