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Lake Jackson issues stage one of water conservation contingency plan

On Aug. 21, 2023, the City of Lake Jackson entered stage 1 of its water conservation contingency program as an effort to conserve water and to control water use among businesses and residents.

The extreme and extended heat that has been engulfing the region factors into the City's decision. Also, the City understands from weather experts that no significant rain has been forecasted for the near term. Finally, these two conditions are causing a rash of water leaks that raises concerns for city staff and crews.

Residents can learn more about the restrictions and voluntary actions at: <https://www.lakejackson-tx.gov/803/Water-Conservation-Drought> and by following the City of Lake Jackson Facebook page where regular updates will be given.

The City's contingency plan has three stages to address the use of water among the city itself, businesses, and residents.

- Stage 1 addresses mild water shortages
- Stage 2 address moderate shortages
- Stage 3 addresses severe water shortages
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City crews will monitor municipal water use daily. If water use increases, the City will raise the drought level. In stage 1, business and residents are asked to follow a 5-step plan to conserve water.

Yards, Landscapes & Gardens

Residents are asked to voluntarily limit watering their lawns and landscaped areas to alternate days. Residents with even numbered addresses are asked to water on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays while residents with odd numbered addresses are asked to water how to water your lawn in stage 1 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Watering yards, landscapes and gardens is allowed anytime if it is done with a hand-held hose or a watering container of five gallons or less. A drip irrigation system can also be used anytime.

Vehicle Washing

Residents are not allowed to use water to wash motor vehicles, motorbikes, boats, trailers, airplanes or other vehicles except on designated watering days. However, they can wash them any day with a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose that has a positive shutoff nozzle. The intent is for residents to use the tools for quick rinses.

Residents can still go to the car wash

Residents can take their vehicles to a commercial car wash any day. Also, automobile dealerships or automobile rental agencies that must wash cars for immediate sale or rental are allowed to do so.

Exceptions

Residents and businesses can use water anytime if the health, safety, and the welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing. Examples of these kinds of vehicle washing are garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

Swimming pools, wading pools, jacuzzi and hot tubs

Residents can still fill swimming pools, however, filling, refilling, or adding water to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi type pools must be done on designated watering days.

Water hydrant uses are limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. The City can designate fire hydrant use for construction through a special permit.

Recreational and amusement facilities can only irrigate on designated watering days unless they use a non-municipal water source. If they use a non-city water source, they can irrigate anytime.

Nonessential Watering

In Stage 1 the following activities are considered non-essential and prohibited:

- Washing down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas
- Washing down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection
- Using water for dust control
- Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street
- Washing driveways

Repairs

Businesses and residents must repair a controllable leak(s) within a forty-eight (48) hour period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

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