

Restricting the Use of Water

Upon the declaration of a Critical Use Stage, compliance with the Emergency Water Use reduction Program and the Demand Reduction Measures shall be required and compliance with the voluntary measures shall be encouraged.

The Demand Management Restrictions are as follows:

- a. Critical Use Stage I – Demand Management
 - (1) Water level of the J-17 Well is at or below 660 mean sea level; or
 - (2) Declaration of Stage I by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.
- b. Critical Use Stage II – Demand Management
 - (1) Water level of the J-17 Well is at or below 650 mean sea level; or
 - (2) Declaration of Stage II by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.
- c. Critical Use Stage III – Demand Management
 - (1) Water level of the J-17 well in San Antonio is at or below 640 mean sea level; or
 - (2) Declaration of Stage III by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.
- d. Critical Use Stage IV – Demand Management
 - (1) Water level of the J-17 well in San Antonio is at or below 630 mean sea level; or
 - (2) Declaration of Stage IV by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

STAGE I – DEMAND MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS (20% Reduction)

- a. No person may waste metered water.
- b. No person may use metered water for landscape watering between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. This Subsection does not apply to non-potable water, gray water, or treated effluent.
- c. No person may use metered water to wash an impervious outdoor ground covering such as driveway or sidewalk unless for health or safety reasons.
- d. Restaurants and other eating establishments are prohibited from serving metered water to customers except upon request of the customer.
- e. Every person who owns or has possession of a swimming pool must cover the pool with an effective evaporation cover or screen, or evaporation shields covering at least 25% of the surface of the pool, when the pool is not in active use. Active use includes necessary maintenance that requires removal of the cover, screen, or shields. A swimming pool is defined as any structure, basin, chamber, or tank including hot tubs, containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving, or recreational bathing, and having a depth of two (2) feet or more at any point.
- f. No person may wash an automobile with metered water at a residence without the use of a hand-held hose with automatic shut-off nozzle or bucket of five (5) gallons or less.

STAGE II – DEMAND MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS (30% Reduction)

- a. All of the prohibitions applicable in Stage I applies in Stage II.
- b. No person may use metered water for landscape watering on more than two watering days in any calendar week, except that landscape watering is permitted on any day before 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM by means of a bucket, hand held or soaker hose, or properly installed drip irrigation system.
- c. Designated watering days are Tuesday and Thursday. Landscape watering is not allowed between 10 AM through 8 PM.
- d. No person may use metered water for an ornamental outdoor fountain or similar feature, unless the water is recycled and the only additional metered water used for the feature is to compensate for evaporative losses.
- e. No person may wash an automobile with metered water.

STAGE III – CRITICAL PERIOD RESTRICTIONS (35% Reduction)

- a. All of the prohibitions applicable in Stage I apply in Stage III.
- b. No person may use metered water for landscape watering on more than one watering day in any calendar week. Landscape watering is permitted to maintain shrubs, trees, and other ornamental plants, but not grass or turf, on any day before 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM by means of a bucket, hand held or soaker hose, or properly installed drip irrigation system. This does not apply to non-potable water, gray water, or treated effluent.
- c. Designated watering day is Thursday. Landscape watering is not allowed between 10 AM through 8 PM.
- d. No person may use metered water for an ornamental fountain or similar feature.

STAGE IV – CRITICAL PERIOD (40% Reduction)

- a. All of the prohibitions applicable in Stage I and Stage III apply in Stage IV.
- b. No person may use metered water to fill a new swimming pool or refill an existing swimming pool.

F. Use Necessary for Public Health or Safety

Notwithstanding any provision of these restrictions, metered water may be used when and to the extent it is necessary to prevent danger to public health, safety, or welfare, or to the extent required by State and Federal laws.
