

Got Drought?

When drought looms, the City activates the Drought Contingency Plan to make sure Plano residents have enough water. Listed below is a summary of the four stages of the Drought Contingency Plan; to view the entire plan and to get more tips on how to save water, visit livegreeninplano.com.

CITY OF PLANO DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Stage 1

Reduction Goal

2%

How Residents Do Their Part to Save Water

- > Find and fix leaks around the house.
- > Prevent water runoff from your lawn into the street or onto hard surfaces.
- > Remember watering your lawn is prohibited from 10AM - 6PM from April 1 - October 31
- > Attend a program on water conservation, planting native plants, making a rain barrel, etc. For more information, visit livegreeninplano.com

Stage 2

Reduction Goal

5%

Includes all steps from Stage 1

- > Watering your lawn with sprinklers or irrigation systems is only allowed two times per week (some exceptions). Watering zone maps can be viewed at livegreeninplano.com
- > Planting of cool season grasses like rye is prohibited.
- > The use of treated water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and any other natural or manmade ponds is prohibited.
- > Wait until after the drought to establish new landscaping.

Stage 3

Reduction Goal

10%

Includes all steps from Stages 1 and 2

- > Watering your lawn with sprinklers or irrigation systems is only allowed one time per week (some exceptions). Watering zone maps can be viewed at livegreeninplano.com (Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems between November 1 and March 31 is allowed once every two weeks).
- > Hosing of paved areas, buildings, or windows is not allowed (some exceptions).
- > Hydro seeding, hydro mulching, and sprigging are not allowed.
- > Draining & refilling swimming pools is not allowed (except to replace normal water loss).
- > Operation of all ornamental fountains and amenities that use treated water is not allowed.
- > Washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose is not allowed unless you are using a hose end cutoff nozzle.
- > A surcharge may be initiated for water use above a certain level.

Stage 4

Reduction Goal

Whatever Necessary

Includes all steps from Stages 1, 2 and 3

- > Commercial and residential landscape watering is not allowed, except foundations and trees (within a ten foot radius of their trunk) may be watered for two (2) hours on any day with a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a low-flow irrigation system.
- > Irrigation of new landscaping using treated water is not allowed.
- > Permitting for private pools is not allowed.
- > Washing of vehicles is not allowed except as necessary for health, sanitation, or safety.

FIVE STEPS

TO HAVING AN ATTRACTIVE

LOW WATER USE LANDSCAPE

ALL YEAR ROUND

1

Amend your soil with compost and use mulch after planting.

texaspureproducts.com

2

Incorporate native and adapted drought tolerant plants into your landscape.

txsmartscape.com

3

Water according to drought restriction guidelines, using the soak and cycle method, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation.

plano.gov/water

4

Save water and money when you install a rain/freeze sensor on your irrigation system or a rain barrel.

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