

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 www.plano.gov/water

CITY OF PLANO WATER CONSERVATION STAGES

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 that watering your lawn is prohibited from 10AM - 6PM from April 1st - October 31st
- > Attend a program on water conservation, planting native plants, making a rain barrel, etc. For more information, visit www.plano.gov/water.

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 www.plano.gov/water.
- > 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.

Includes all steps from Stages 1 and 2

- > Watering your lawn with sprinklers or irrigation systems is permitted once every other week beginning November 1. Watering days are determined by street address. For more information visit www.plano.gov/water.
- > 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.

Includes all steps from Stages 1, 2 and 3

- > Commercial and residential landscape watering is not allowed, except that 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.

Stage
1

Reduction
Goal

2%

Stage
2

Reduction
Goal

5%

Stage
3

Reduction
Goal

10%

Stage
4

Reduction
Goal

Whatever
Necessary