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## STAGE 2 WATER CONSERVATION IN EFFECT

ROCKPORT, TX -- City Manager Kevin Carruth announced today that the City of Rockport has entered Stage 2-Moderate Water Shortage in order to reduce water usage by five percent. Stage 2, which is part of the City's Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Plan, limits watering to once a week between the hours of 6 pm and 10 am. Anyone utilizing City water and not following the mandatory guidelines for water restrictions will be issued a citation.

The new watering schedule for Stage 2 is:

- **Tuesday** – Even numbered residences
- **Wednesday** – Odd numbered residences
- **Thursday** – Multifamily and commercial

Property owners using water wells, wastewater treatment plant effluent, or gray water for irrigation are exempt from the restrictions; however, the ordinance does require those users to post a sign stating the water used for irrigation is from a private well, wastewater treatment plant effluent, gray water or source other than the city's water supply. It is a separate violation to display a sign which falsely claims the water used to be from another source.

The City implemented Stage 2 in response to the combined lake storage levels of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon dropping to 40 percent of capacity.

Rockport buys treated water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD) who, in turn, buys raw water from the City of Corpus Christi. SPMWD and the City of Corpus Christi implemented similar restrictions last week. The City's contract with SPMWD requires the City to follow SPMWD's plan.

The City of Rockport will continue to monitor lake levels and adjust the Plan's stage level as needed. For additional information on the Plan, visit the City's web site at [www.cityofrockport.com](http://www.cityofrockport.com). Customers with questions are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at (361) 790-1160.

# Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Plan

What Is Allowed or Prohibited?	Water Shortage Level				
	Stage 1 Mild	Stage 2 Moderate	Stage 3 Severe	Stage 4 Critical	Stage 5 Emergency
1. Voluntary compliance	✓				
2. Mandatory compliance		✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Watering prohibited 10:00 am – 6:00 pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Irrigation allowed any day, with a handheld hose (with a positive shutoff nozzle), faucet-filled bucket, watering can (<5 gals.), or drip irrigation with a positive shutoff device	✓	✓	✓		
5. Once a week watering using a hose-end sprinkler or automatic irrigation system*	✓	✓			
6. Every other week watering with hose-end sprinkler or automatic irrigation system*				✓	
7. New landscaping may be watered for up to 60 days within appropriate water times & is not restricted to once a week	✓	✓			
8. All landscape watering prohibited				✓	✓
9. Washing vehicles on premises on designated water schedule allowed*	✓	✓			
10. Refilling of pools & Jacuzzis on designated water schedule allowed*	✓	✓			
11. Refilling of ornamental ponds & sculptures allowed (except aquatic life)	✓				
12. Washing down buildings, sidewalks, driveways, windows, etc., allowed	✓				
13. Use of water to maintain the integrity of a building foundation allowed	✓	✓	✓		

Source: Rockport Code of Ordinances Sec. 102.71, Ordinance No. 1619, City of Rockport Drought Contingency Plan

## Note

The Drought Contingency Plan does not apply to irrigation systems using private water wells or aerobic septic systems; however, properties using such systems must post a prominent, legible sign stating "Water Well". Please see the Drought Contingency Plan for additional details on triggers, targets, authorized or prohibited uses, and penalties.

## \*Watering Schedule:

- Tuesday – Even numbered houses
- Wednesday – Odd numbered houses
- Thursday – Multifamily & commercial

## Water Conservation Tips

1. Check sprinkler system for leaks & broken heads
2. Use full loads when washing clothes or dishes
3. Take shorter showers & install low-flow showerhead
4. Check for leaking faucets & running toilets
5. Buy WaterSense labeled water fixtures
6. Turn off water when brushing teeth
7. Don't keep water running when hand washing dishes
8. Don't keep water running when cleaning vegetables
9. Utilize xeriscape principles in your yard
10. Adjust your lawn mower to a height of 1.5" – 2"

