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**OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FOR BOERNE UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

Boerne lawns are sure looking thirsty these days. And there seems to be no rain forecast for quite some time. Boerne Water Utility customers should be aware that Stage 1 mandatory water conservation measures are in effect, as of Monday, June 4, so residents and businesses should limit outdoor water use as much as possible. Lawns and landscaping typically need only one inch of water per week. Drought tolerant landscapes with native plants need even less.

Stage 1 of the city’s water conservation ordinance, requires Boerne Water Utility customers to limit outdoor water usage. Customers are permitted to use individual sprinklers or sprinkler systems for lawns, gardens or other landscaped areas, but only on designated outdoor water use days and at designated times.

On designated watering days, sprinkler irrigation is only allowed between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. and only two days per week – one weekday and one weekend day.

Designated watering days have been assigned according to the last number of the street address as follows:

**LAST DIGIT OF STREET ADDRESS**

**OUTDOOR WATERING DAYS**

0 or 1	Monday and Saturday
2 or 3	Tuesday and Saturday
4 or 5	Wednesday and Saturday
6 or 7	Thursday and Sunday
8 or 9	Friday and Sunday

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Boerne has a very productive water treatment plant but it can only produce a finite amount each day and during these hot dry summer months the production capacity often reaches just over 3 million gallons per day. This puts quite a strain on the system. Building a new treatment plant in the future will cost millions of dollars so Boerne Utilities is trying to delay that as long as possible and reducing outdoor watering is the best way.

In Stage 1, City of Boerne water customers are required to curtail non-essential water use; however watering of lawns or landscaped areas is permitted anytime if using a hand-held hose, a drip irrigation system, or a bucket no larger than 5 gallons.

Other Stage 1 conservation requirements also include:

- General curtailment of indoor water use; identify and eliminate defective plumbing in a home or business establishment to avoid water waste.
- Washing of automobiles, trailers, RV's, boats, airplanes or any other type of mobile equipment is prohibited unless using a bucket or pail. However, commercial car washing businesses are not restricted.
- Wasting water is never allowed so make sure sprinklers are not running down driveways, sidewalks, and streets.

For a full list of the City of Boerne water conservation measures and/or restrictions by stage, please contact the Utility Customer Service office at (830)249-9511 or view the City's Conservation and Emergency Drought Management Plan online at [www.boerne-tx.gov](http://www.boerne-tx.gov) by looking for Chapter 22 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances.

City water customers rely on a combined water resource which includes ground water from wells, and surface water from Boerne City Lake and surface water from Canyon Lake through a contract with the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority.