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STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

The city of Boerne has announced Stage 2 mandatory water restrictions for Boerne water utility customers. “Until we get more rain we must all do our part to limit outdoor water use as much as possible,” city officials said.

Under the Stage 2 Water Watch conservation plan, Boerne Water Utility customers are required to observe outdoor watering restrictions for landscape irrigation. Both residential and commercial customers are permitted to use individual sprinklers or sprinkler systems for lawns, gardens or other landscaped areas only on one designated week day between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. No weekend sprinkler use is allowed under this mandatory conservation stage.

“While the City of Boerne continues to have adequate total water supplies from three water sources, meeting the daily production peak is challenging when summer outdoor irrigation is typically highest,” reports Deputy City Manager Jeff Thompson.

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

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LAST DIGIT OF STREET ADDRESS**OUTDOOR WATERING DAY**

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

Stage 2 prohibits weekend watering with irrigation systems or sprinklers; however hand held hoses and buckets may still be used. In Stage 2, City of Boerne water customers are also required to curtail all non-essential water use and avoid the wasting of water. Watering lawns or landscaped areas is permitted anytime if using a hand-held hose, a drip irrigation system, or a bucket no larger than five gallons.

Other Stage 2 conservation measures include:

- 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.
- Restaurants are prohibited from serving water to customers except when specifically requested by the customer.
- Those residents that have swimming pools or hot tubs may refill these as needed but only on the designated outdoor water use day and during the hours 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m.

“We are continuing to see outdoor water use rising steadily while we are in this dry and hot weather pattern again,” Thompson adds.

Boerne mayor Mike Schultz and city council members together urge all City of Boerne customers to curtail non-essential water use to ensure the City can meet summer peaking requirements. “Conservation is good for everyone, especially our hill country neighbors that rely on groundwater for their drinking water”, said Schultz.

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“As water production rises toward 3.8 million gallons per day, this puts a significant strain on our water treatment system. Building a new treatment plant in the future, to handle increased peak production, will cost millions of dollars so Boerne Utilities is trying to delay that as long as possible. Reducing outdoor watering is the best way,” added Thompson.

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 by looking for Chapter 22 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances.