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A string of more than 55 days of triple digit temperatures combined with no significant rainfall since June has now resulted in Stage 1 Water Restrictions for City of Burleson utility customers, effective Monday, Aug. 29. This is part of the drought contingency plan, a copy of which is posted on the City website.

Stage 1 has been enacted by the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), which supplies water to an 11-county area, including Tarrant County. Burleson buys its water from the City of Fort Worth. Fort Worth is supplied by the TRWD. All direct customers and indirect customers of the TRWD are affected by the restrictions.

Since 2009 the City of Burleson has banned watering with irrigation or sprinkler systems, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., year round. This includes residential and non-residential customers. Why? Up to 30 percent of the water sprayed on lawns during the heat of the day can be lost to evaporation.

With the Stage 1 Water Restrictions, landscape watering is now limited to twice a week.

- Residential addresses that end in even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
- Residential addresses that end in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) may water on Thursday and Sunday.
- Non-residential addresses (apartments, businesses, parks, medians, etc.) may water on Tuesday and Friday.
- There is no landscape watering on Monday.

Stage 1 Water Restrictions also mean:

- No hosing of paved areas (i.e. sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, patios, or other impervious surfaces) except to alleviate an immediate health/safety hazard.
- No hosing of buildings or structures other than for purposes of fire protection or surface preparation prior to painting.
- Vehicle washing limited to hand-held bucket or hose with positive-pressure shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Commercial car washes are exempted from this requirement and may continue to operate within normal procedures.

Stage 1 is enacted when the combined storage capacity of the TRWD reservoirs reaches 75 percent. The four reservoirs are Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, Cedar Creek and Richland-Chambers. The TRWD also gets water from Lake Benbrook. Fort Worth draws water from Lake Worth.

The TRWD's goal with the Stage 1 Water Restrictions is to lower water use by 5 percent.

For more tips on how to save water, watch The Lawn Whisperer videos on the City website, www.burlesontx.com, Departments, Communications, City Videos. For more tips, go to the Tarrant Regional Water District, www.trwd.com, and the Save Tarrant Water website, www.savetarrantwater.com.

For local information, go to the Water Conservation page on the City website at www.burlesontx.com, Departments, Public Works, Water & Wastewater, Water Conservation. You can also call the City of Burleson public works department at 817-426-9830, or stop by the Municipal Service Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, at 725 S.E. John Jones Dr.