

Stage 3 Restrictions

During Stage 3 all restrictions from Stage 2 remain in effect in addition to the following restrictions. For questions please contact City Hall at 940.574.4570.

1. Car Washes
2. Golf Courses
3. Irrigation-Watering
4. Restaurants, Bars, Clubs, School Cafeterias
5. Swimming Pools

Stage 3: Drought Emergency Triggers

A Drought Emergency shall be declared when:

- 1) The storage level of Lake Kickapoo drops to 40% of the total conservation pool storage capacity, or
- 2) Demand exceeds design capacity for 4 weeks (or exceeds design capacity by 115%, or 3) the water supply system is unable to deliver water due to mechanical failure or damage of major water system components which will require more than 24 hours to repair, if a Drought Warning is in progress.

Reduction Goals

When a Drought Emergency is declared, action will be taken to reduce the current net withdrawal from reservoirs by an additional 20% or more (with the 15% reduction from Stage 2, that will make a Total of 35% reduction.)

Car Washes:

All self-serve and full-service carwashes within the corporate City Limits will be required to close the car washing portion of their business on one day each week. The scheduled day of closure shall coincide with the day that car wash is allowed to spray irrigate, in accordance with the Water Rationing Zone map.

Unlawful

It shall be unlawful for a car wash to use a nozzle that discharges more than 3.0 gallons per minute.

It shall be unlawful for a car wash to wash any of its bays with water, except on Sundays.

Public and Private Golf Courses

A) Greens:

- Golf courses may utilize Spray Irrigation on greens at any time for the purposes of cooling golf course putting surfaces when warranted by weather conditions and only with run cycles of less than five minutes.
- Golf course greens are exempt from the Spray Irrigation days established in (d)(1)(b), and greens may be Spray Irrigated any day of the week.

B) Tee-Boxes

- It shall be unlawful for golf courses to Spray Irrigate Tee-Boxes, except on the day of the week permitted for the area as identified on the Water Rationing Zone map.
- Golf courses are exempt from the spray irrigation time limitations of Stage 3. Golf courses will continue to be subject to the prohibition of spray irrigation during the daylight hours between 11a.m. & 6 p.m.

C) Fairways

- It shall be unlawful for golf courses to Spray Irrigate fairways.

Irrigation: Spray, Sprinkler, Drip, Bubbler, Soaker

It shall be unlawful to utilize spray irrigation, drip irrigation or soaker hoses in any but the following hours:

12 midnight to 4 a.m. for Automatic Sprinkler System

8p.m. to 12 midnight for Hose-End Sprinkler Systems, Drip Irrigation, Soaker Hoses.

Definitions:

Spray Irrigate or Spray Irrigation -- a category of irrigation methods that utilizes devices that spray water away from the device orifice(s). These include, but are not limited to, pop up sprays, rotors, oscillating sprinklers, and impact sprinklers. A hand held hose is not Spray Irrigation.

Automatic Sprinkler System -- a system of irrigation components made up of permanently installed underground PVC lines and spray irrigation devices that are controlled from an automatic irrigation controller.

Hose-end Sprinkler System -- a device on the end of a garden hose that can be set in place and periodically moved from one location to another.

Unlawful

It shall be unlawful to operate a soaker hose, bubbler or drip irrigation system in a manner that causes the delivery of more water than the hose, bubbler, or system was intended by the manufacturer to deliver.

Definitions: Drip Irrigation and Soaker Hose

Drip Irrigation -- a method of irrigation that applies water in a dropwise fashion directly to the soil beneath rather than projecting the water in a stream away from its orifice. To be classified in this category, the maximum allowable flow is 6 gallons per hour per emitter.

Soaker Hose -- an irrigation device made of permeable rubber hose that allows water to be applied slowly and directly to the soil without being sprayed up into the air. Soaker hoses fall into the drip irrigation category. A soaker hose will not spray water regardless of its orientation.

Unlawful

It shall be unlawful to operate a soaker hose, bubbler or drip irrigation system in a manner that causes water to run down the curb.

Restaurants / Bars / Clubs / School Cafeterias:

It shall be unlawful for a food establishment to thaw food with water. Food must be thawed by another method that is approved by the Health Code, i.e. Refrigeration or Cooking Process.

It shall be unlawful for a food establishment to clean kitchen or food handling areas with spray hoses. The cleaning of kitchen and food handling areas shall be accomplished by means of brooms and mops only.

Pools

It shall be unlawful to operate a water feature on a Residential Pool, including, but not limited to, fountains, water falls, descents, arcs, and slides.

It shall be unlawful to fill pools in any but the following hours:

Wednesday between 8a.m. to 12 noon.

Definition:

Residential Pool – A pool that is located on private property under the control of the property owner or the owner's tenant and that is intended for use by not more than two residential families and their guests. It includes a pool serving only a single-family home or duplex.

If repairing a pool, it shall only be drained to a level necessary to effect the repair, and no further. Owners of pools that follow this restriction will be allowed to re-fill their pool after the repair.

Definition:

Pool Owner/Operator – Fee title holder of the property upon which the pool is located, and/or business manager, complex manager, property owners, association manager, rental agent or other individual who is in charge of the day to day operation or maintenance of the property.

Owners Operators of pools that are restricted from draining the pool once it closed for the season.