



CITY OF TOMBALL  
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## City of Tomball Issues Mandatory Water Restrictions

The hot and dry conditions have placed stress on one of the city's well pumps; therefore it is necessary to temporarily shut down one of the city's water wells for maintenance. The city is requiring customers to water only on specified watering days. You can also help by reducing watering durations, postponing car washing and limiting all other non-essential water use to further minimize the demand on the city's water system.

Based on the necessary pump maintenance, the city has determined that it is necessary to initiate Stage II Mandatory Water Restrictions of the Drought Contingency Plan in order to preserve public health, safety, and welfare. The guidelines for Stage II are as follows;

### Drought Contingency Plan – Stage II

**It is mandatory that City of Tomball water customers limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to:**

- Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays before 10 am and after 8 pm for **water customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8)**
- Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays before 10 am and after 8 pm for **water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9)**

### Tips on When to Water

- Select two watering days a week and consistently water in shorter durations only during late evening or early morning hours to effectively sustain lawns and landscape.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods and reduce water pressure to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
- Maintain your plumbing and repair leaking faucets or toilets, no matter how small the leak appears to be, to drastically reduce consumption, not to mention lower your water bill.
- Make sure you know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save several gallons of water and damage to your home if a pipe were to burst.
- Apply mulch to garden beds to greatly reduce the evaporation rate from the soil and keep roots cooler in the heat of the summer.
- Add organic material, such as compost to your lawn to improve water retention.
- When water demand is critical, avoid washing cars, hosing off sidewalks, driveways, and patios and any excessive non-essential water use.
- Visit [www.lawncare.net](http://www.lawncare.net) for more lawn care tips.

When applying these tips remember city ordinances pertaining to water conservation and drought response shall be followed. The city ordinance pertaining to water waste is effective year-round as described in Tomball City Code, **“Section 82-256. Wasting water; vegetative watering.** It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, or otherwise permit water wasting when applying water to grounds, lawns, plants, trees, shrubs, bushes, or other vegetative matter, or when applying water for any landscaping or agricultural purpose of any kind. (Ord. No. 2002-20, § 1, 9-3-02)”

Your assistance in conserving water and helping the city continue to preserve public health, safety, and welfare during this maintenance period is required. Once mandatory restrictions have been lifted, the public will be notified. For additional information please contact the City of Tomball Public Works Department at 281-290-1400.