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The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) has not lifted the Stage 1 Water Restrictions enacted on Aug. 29, 2011, for all of its direct customers and indirect customers. The City of Burleson is an indirect customer.

The TRWD 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. 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.

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.

With the Stage 1 Water Restrictions, landscape watering is 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.

According to the City of Burleson's drought contingency plan as well as the TRWD plan, there are exceptions to the Stage 1 Water Restrictions.

- Watering by hand is allowed at any time.
- Foundations may be watered up to two hours on any day by soaker hose, or drip irrigation system placed within 24 inches of the foundation. The drip irrigation system can not produce a spray of water above the ground.
- Newly installed shrubs (first year) and trees (first two years) may be watered up to two hours on any day by handheld hose, drip irrigation, a soaker hose or tree bubbler. Tree watering is limited to an area not to exceed the drip line of the tree.
- Establishing new turf is discouraged. If hydro mulch, grass sod, or grass seed is installed to establish a new lawn, there are no watering restrictions for the first 30 days while it is being established. After that, the watering restrictions apply. This does not include over seeding with rye since turf already exists.
- Skinned areas of sports fields may be watered as needed for dust control.

The Stage 1 Water Restrictions are listed on the City website at www.burlesontx.com/waterrestrictions. You can also call the 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.