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The outdoor water restrictions that were most recently enacted in Burleson in June 2013 are now permanent due to a required change in the City's water conservation plan.

Since the City of Burleson purchases its water from the City of Fort Worth, Burleson must approve a drought contingency plan that mirrors Fort Worth's plan. This month, Fort Worth made the maximum twice per week landscape restriction permanent, year-round. These permanent landscape watering restrictions are the same as the temporary ones enacted in June 2013. A drought prompted the restrictions to first be enacted August 2011-May 2012.

If your residential address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) you can use an irrigation system to water your landscape on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If your residential address ends in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) you can use an irrigation system to water on Thursdays and Sundays. All non-residential water locations (apartment complexes, businesses, industries, parks, medians, etc.) may water on Tuesdays and Fridays. Monday is a no-water day.

Since 2009, Burleson has banned watering with irrigation or sprinkler systems, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., year round. This includes residential and non-residential customers. That restriction is in place because up to 30 percent of the water sprayed on lawns during the heat of the day can be lost to evaporation.

Lawns and landscaping may be watered on any day with a handheld hose, drip irrigation, soaker hose or tree bubbler. Irrigation using alternative water sources – a well or reclaimed or reused water – are excluded from the irrigation restrictions.

Residents should be aware that Burleson is still under Stage 1 Water Restrictions. The recently adopted Drought Contingency Plan includes some changes to Stage 1 restrictions. The table, <http://bit.ly/1hssU14>, outlines the changes to the previous plan for all water conservation stages.