

TCWD Proposed Shortage Response Actions

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Water Shortage Stage	Shortage Response Actions	Response Action Type	% Gap Reduced
Stage 1: Up to 10% Shortage	Increase public awareness of water supply situation	DR	3%
	Encourage voluntary outdoor water use efficiency	DR	3%
	Promote Rebates for Indoor and Outdoor Water Use Efficiency	DR	2%
	Require customers to fix leaks within 72 hours	MP	1%
	Reinforce permanent conservation measures	MP	1%
Stage 2: Up to 20% Shortage	Expand public awareness of shortage situation and leverage regional outreach and marketing efforts by MWDOC and MET	DR	2%
	Targeted outreach to dedicated irrigation customers using drinking water	DR	2%
	Voluntary limits to landscape watering with drinking water: 3 days per week April through October and 1 day per week November through March; some exceptions	DR	3%
	Require customers to fix leaks within 48 hours	MP	1%
	Water Savings Plan for Commercial Agriculture and Nurseries	DR	1%
	Encourage customers with recreational water features to implement BMPs for pools and spas	DR	1%
	Water at restaurants only upon request	DR	1%
Stage 3: Up to 30% Shortage	Targeted outreach and assistance to high use customers	DR	2%
	Enhanced water conservation activities, marketing, and incentives	DR	2%
	Limit landscape watering with drinking water to 3 days per week April through October and 1 day per week November through March; some exceptions	MP	5%
	Limit commercial nurseries using drinking water for irrigation by 30% monthly based on 5-yr average use	DR	3%
	Requirement for customers to fix leaks within 24 hours	MP	1%
	Prohibition on filling and refilling of decorative water features	MP	1%
	Limits on use of potable water for construction	OC	1%
	Limit street sweeping to use of recycled water only	OC	1%
	Reduce frequency of line cleaning and flushing	OC	1%
Stage 4: Up to 40% Shortage	Limit landscape watering with drinking water to 2 days per week April through October and 1 day per week November through March; some exceptions	MP	5%
	Prohibit all vehicle washing, except at commercial car washes that recirculate water	MP	1%
	Limit commercial nurseries using drinking water for irrigation by 40% monthly based on 5-yr average use	DR	2%
	Prohibit filling of recreational water features, such as pools and spas, except pools operated municipally or commercially	MP	2%
	No new potable water services except under certain circumstances	OC	2%

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Stage 5: Up to 50% Shortage	Expand enforcement and outreach to high water users	DR	3%
	Require installation of flow restrictors on high water users that are non-responsive to outreach	DR	1%
	Prohibit all irrigation of turf with drinking water, except for municipal sports fields as required to stay alive	MP	3%
	Limit non-turf landscape watering with drinking water to 1 day per week all months; some exceptions	MP	3%
	Limit commercial nurseries using drinking water for irrigation by 50% monthly based on 5-yr average use	MP	2%
	Prohibit filling of all recreational water features, such as pools and spas	MP	2%
Stage 6: Over 50% Shortage	Conduct emergency public outreach	DR	5%
	Allocate water supply as deemed necessary under an emergency supply condition	DR	10%
	Prohibit all landscape watering with drinking water with exceptions	MP	3%
	Prohibit commercial nurseries from all irrigation using drinking water	MP	5%
	Prohibit all vehicle washing, including commercial car washes	MP	1%
	Other water response shortage actions, as needed	MP	5%

DR = Demand Reduction
 MP = Mandatory Prohibition
 OC = Operational Change