

Stage II Supplement to Ordinance 08-12

SUMMARY OF DEVINE'S STAGE II WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

We are currently under Stage II of the City of Devine's drought management ordinance, effective **April 11, 2022**. To follow are some of the particular restrictions:

1. All restrictions from Stage I.
2. For Stage II, the landscape irrigation days for residential and commercial properties will be according to the street address and according to the following schedule. If the last digit of the street address ends in:
 - 0 or 1 the irrigation day is Monday,
 - 2 or 3 the irrigation day is Tuesday,
 - 4 or 5 the irrigation day is Wednesday,
 - 6 or 7 the irrigation day is Thursday,
 - 8 or 9 the irrigation day is Friday.

If there is no street address associated with the property, such as a parkway, or if there is more than one (1) street address associated with a single contiguous property the irrigation day is **Wednesday**.

3. Landscape watering for new landscaping plants:

Under Stage II, landscape watering is permitted between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the designated day shown above for no longer than three (3) weeks. Thereafter, landscape watering using sprinkler or irrigation systems for landscaping plants is permitted only on the day and times associated with the current stage in effect at the termination of the variance allowed by this subsection.

4. Landscape watering for existing landscaping plants:

Under Stage II, landscape watering with a soaker hose, hose-end sprinkler or in-ground irrigation system is allowed on the above specified day between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Landscape irrigation with a drip irrigation system or five-gallon bucket is allowed during Stage II hours on any day. Landscape irrigation with a hand-held hose is allowed at any time or any day.

5. Swimming pools, hot tubs and similar facilities:

Under Stage II, filling of all new and existing pools is prohibited. Replenishing to maintenance level is permitted. Draining permitted only onto pervious surface, or onto pool deck where the water is transmitted directly to a pervious surface, only if:

1. Draining excess water from pool due to rain in order to lower water to maintenance level;
2. Repairing, maintaining or replacing pool component that has become hazardous; or
3. Repairing pool leak.

Refilling of public swimming pool permitted only if pool has been drained for the repairs, maintenance or replacement set out in items 2 or 3 above.

6. Vegetable Gardens:

Under Stage II, irrigation with hand-held hose, bucket or drip system between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. is permitted.

7. Golf Courses:

Under Stage II, golf courses shall be required to submit a water conservation plan and shall have on file with the City the annual irrigation check up as described in Section 2 and shall be defined as "conforming or "non-conforming" and shall reduce water usage under the following terms: (refer to ordinance for terms)

8. Aesthetic Use:

Under Stage II, inside or outside use is prohibited except with reused water.

9. Other Outside Uses:

Under Stage II, waste is prohibited. Washing of impervious surface areas is prohibited except washing for immediate human health and safety concerns. Washing of mobile equipment is prohibited except on designated days with hand-held hose or bucket. The designated day for this is the same as the designated day for irrigating. (shown above)

10. Rates:

At any time the City Council determines that it would be in the best interest of the City of Devine, the City Council may increase any or all water rates in order to further water conservation in the City.

10. Industrial, Commercial, and Others:

Under Stage I, Stage II or Stage III, reduction is recommended. User is encouraged to reduce water usage by any means available. Compliance with the mandatory demand reduction measures is required for those uses in the Outdoor category, including landscape watering, swimming pools, hot tubs and similar facilities, golf courses, car washes, aesthetic uses such as fountains, regardless of whether the user is an industrial user. Industrial reductions may be imposed under Stage III if conditions warrant.

As a general rule, waste is prohibited. Reduction in **all** water is recommended. Private wells are excluded from the ordinance but reduction in use is recommended – they tend to go dry quickly during a drought.

Each violation of the ordinance shall be punished by a penalty of a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$2,000.00. Each day a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense. Copies of the ordinance are available at City Hall. If you have any questions or wish to report water wasters, call the City at 663-2804.