

Round Rock enacts mandatory watering restrictions

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Following a prolonged period of hot and dry conditions, the City of Round Rock has entered Stage 1 Drought Restrictions that enforce a maximum of two outdoor watering days per week for its customers.

City Manager Laurie Hadley declared Stage 1 Drought Restrictions on Wednesday, June 29, from the City's Drought Contingency Plan to conserve the available water supply.

"Due to the lack of forecasted rain, we are taking action now to prevent the possibility of entering further drought restrictions down the road," Hadley said. "A little bit will go a long way in ensuring we are continuing to use the resources we have in a responsible manner."

The [Brazos River Authority \(BRA\)](#) issued a Stage 1 Drought Warning declaration for Lake Georgetown, Round Rock's main water source, in March 2022.

The City's [Drought Contingency Plan](#) consists of three stages. Restrictions for Stage 1 make the City's designated outdoor watering schedule a requirement for all Round Rock water customers, if they choose to water their landscaping. This includes residents living in Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) that are wholesale customers of the City of Round Rock. The schedule is based on the last digit of your home or property address:

If your address ends in...	Allowed Watering Days under Stage 1 Drought Restrictions
4 or 8	Sunday and/or Thursday
0 or 3	Monday and/or Thursday
2, 6 or 7	Tuesday and/or Friday
1, 5 or 9	Wednesday and/or Saturday
Watering is allowed between midnight to noon or 7 p.m. to midnight only.	

Exceptions/other activities

The following uses are **exceptions** to Stage 1 Drought Restrictions and may take place at any time:

- Irrigation by hand-held hoses or hand-held buckets
- Commercial carwashes
- Commercial plant nurseries
- Commercial power washing companies
- Athletic fields where field is in use (organized youth, amateur or professional sports)
- Necessary usage to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public (i.e. washing garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables)
- Irrigation using other sources of water, such as a private groundwater well or rainwater

The following activities are allowed only when done in compliance with the **twice-per-week** watering schedule above:

- Drip irrigation and use of soaker hoses
- Foundation watering
- Vehicle washing (commercial car washes are an exception and can be used at any time)
- Filling swimming pools
- Irrigation of new landscaping (however, installation of new landscaping should be delayed when possible)
- Operating ornamental fountains or other water features that recirculate water

The following activities are **prohibited** during Stage 1 Drought Restrictions:

- Street washing
- Operating ornamental fountains or splashpads that do not recirculate water