

# Travis County W.C.I.D. #18

## **STAGE 1 - Mild Water Shortage Conditions**

Because your District's wholesale water supplier, the L.C.R.A. has initiated **Stage 1** Water Restrictions, Travis County W.C.I.D. #18 is required to do the same.

### **Mandatory watering schedule**

Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 18

Irrigate outdoors using automatic or manual irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers no more than **TWICE per week** for up to **15 hours** and only during scheduled days and times as indicated below:

#### **Residential**

Odd number addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays

Even number addresses: Thursdays and Sundays

**Commercial** (including large landscapes such as HOA common areas and public schools)  
Tuesdays and Fridays

#### **Watering Hours**

Midnight to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight

### Demand Management Measures

a. Irrigation of landscaped areas during Stage 1 may continue as defined in Article X(D). Additionally, such prohibitions do not apply to irrigation of landscaped areas undertaken by a hand-held hose or faucet filled bucket or water can of five gallons or less.

b. New landscapes may be installed, and re-vegetation seeding performed under these specific criteria:

(i) The mandatory twice-weekly watering schedule is adhered to;

(ii) If a deviation from the twice-weekly schedule is required, that a completed variance form for new landscapes has been submitted to the District and has been approved prior to the installation of the landscape, or re-vegetation seed application; and

(iii) Irrigation of the new landscape, or application follows the schedule identified in the new landscape variance:

(a) once a day for the first 10 days after installation;

(b) once every other day before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. for days 11 through 20 after installation; and

(c) once every third day before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. for day 21 through 30 after installation.

(iv) Alternatives to re-vegetation may be available in times

of low water supply. Specific information regarding such alternatives is available in the LCRA Highland Lakes Watershed Ordinance Technical Manual (sec. 3.2.8).

(v) Variances for new landscapes and re-vegetation will be issued for the shortest period necessary to reasonably assure the landscapes survival. A variance is not an exemption from compliance with the permanent water use restrictions of this plan other than schedule. Variances will not be granted for seasonal "color bed" or temporary grass installation (over seeding).

c. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, such as a motorbike, boat, trailer, or airplane is prohibited except on Designated Outdoor Watering Days between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m. and between 7 p.m. and midnight. Such activity, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle. A vehicle may be washed any time at a commercial car wash facility or commercial service station. Further, this activity is exempt from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public are served by washing the vehicle, such as a truck used to collect garbage or used to transport food and perishables.

d. Events involving the use of water such as: car washes, festivals, parties, water slides, and other activities involving the use of water are permitted, if the water being used drains to a recirculating device, or is used for a beneficial purpose such as watering landscaping to prevent water waste.

e. All restaurants are encouraged to serve water to their patrons only upon request.

f. Watering in recreational areas, including parks and athletic fields, must follow the irrigation of landscaped areas schedule. A variance can be applied for if necessary.

g. The following uses of water are prohibited at all times during periods in which restrictions have gone into effect unless a variance has been approved:

(i) Washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, street, tennis courts, and other impervious outdoor surfaces; except for immediate health and safety;

(ii) Washing buildings, houses or structures with a pressure washer or garden hose is prohibited for aesthetic purposes but permitted for surface preparation of maintenance work to be performed;

(iii) Controlling dust, unless there is a demonstrated need to do so for reasons of public health and safety, or as part of a construction plan approved by a governmental entity; and

(iv) Flushing gutters or allowing a substantial amount of water to run off a property and accumulate in a gutter, street, or parking lot to a depth greater than one-fourth of an inch.