

# Stage 3 Drought Conditions

**The City of Taft has entered Stage 3 drought conditions. The following restrictions shall be in place till further notice.**

Target: During Stage 3, achieve a 30% or greater reduction in daily treated water demand relative to treated water demand with the water use restrictions below. An additional surcharge will be added to each utility bill during Stage 3 water shortage conditions to discourage discretionary water use, as described in Section 11 for retail customers and Section 16.10 for wholesale customers.

Best Management Practices for Supply Management: In addition to the best management practices for supply management listed under Stage 2, the City may also do the following during Stage 3: Upon written notice, disconnect the water meters of willful violators if absolutely necessary to prevent the deliberate wasting of water.

Water Use Restrictions for Demand Reduction:

Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be prohibited at all times.

Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash stations and not in the immediate interest of public health, safety, and welfare is prohibited.

The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools, and water parks (unless non-city, alternative source) is prohibited.

The use of water to maintain the integrity of a building foundation is still permitted on the designated Stage 2 watering day and shall be done by hand or drip irrigation method.

All fountains shall only operate to circulate water in order to maintain equipment.

Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Taft Utilities Department.

The watering of golf course fairways with potable water is prohibited. The watering of greens and tees are limited to once every other week unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided through City's infrastructure or done by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, or drip irrigation.

The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for the purposes other than immediate fire protections;
3. Use of water for dust control;
4. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street: and
5. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).