

Notice to Public

The City of Webster Enters Stage 1 of Drought Contingency Plan – Mild Water Shortage

Effective August 22, 2023

The City of Webster will enter Stage 1 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan, effective Tuesday, August 22, 2023. The Drought Contingency Plan calls for Stage 1 water conservation measures when the 5-day average water use for the City is at 75% of its current total water supply.

This summer, the City of Webster has had record-setting weather, with high temperatures reaching above 100 degrees and a significant decrease in rainfall. As a result, our service area is experiencing extreme drought conditions. These conditions call for implementation of Stage 1 water conservation measures.

Stage 1 drought response calls for the following voluntary water conservation efforts:

- Check for leaks, dripping faucets, and running toilets, and utilize water conservation kits such as displacement bags for toilet tanks and low-flow showerheads.
- Practice water conservation and minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes, defined as water uses that are not essential nor required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare, including:
 - irrigation of parks, athletic fields, golf courses with potable water;
 - use of water to wash down any streets, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
 - use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter, street, ditch, sidewalk, or surface drain;
 - use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or Jacuzzi-type pools, with the exception of pools operated by industrial, research, or testing facilities;
 - use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life;
 - use of water from faucets, hydrants, or hoses for any purpose other than fire- fighting.

The City of Webster shall continue to practice water use reduction measures, including leak detection and repair, and limit City property watering.

If water consumption does not reduce through voluntary efforts, the City may initiate Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan. The City of Webster Drought Contingency Plan may be viewed at: <https://www.cityofwebster.com/470/WaterWastewater>.

The City of Webster will post notice when Stage 1 has been lifted.

Additional water conservation tips may be found at smarteraboutwater.org.

