



**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**  
**Zapata County Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan**  
**STAGE III – MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

1. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic Irrigation systems shall be limited to Mondays for water customers with a street address ending in 1, 2, or 3; Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in 4, 5, or 6, and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in 7, 8, 9, or 0. Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 am and between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or a drip irrigation system.
2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 am and between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
3. Review the problems that caused the Initiation of Stage III.
4. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pool, wading pool, or "Jacuzzi" type pool is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 am and between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight.
5. Operation of ornamental fountains or ponds for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
6. Use of water from hydrants or flush valves shall be limited to maintaining public health, safety, and welfare.
7. Use of water for irrigation of golf courses, parks, and green belt areas is prohibited except by hand-held hose, and then only on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 am and between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight.
8. The following uses of water are defined as nonessential and are prohibited:
  - Washing down of any 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.
  - Use of water for dust control
  - Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.
  - Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable time period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s) and;
  - Any waste of water
9. Notify wholesale customers of actions being taken by Zapata County Waterworks and request implementation of similar procedures.