



City of Breckenridge

NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS

As you are aware, we continue to experience an unprecedented drought. Because of this, the City of Breckenridge has been monitoring water levels in Hubbard Creek Reservoir and is legally authorized to require curtailment or reduction of water use in any specific area in order to conserve water. As of April 1, 2015, the WCTMWD has implemented Stage 3 of their Drought Contingency Plans. Therefore, the City of Breckenridge **effective April 8, 2015** will implement and enforce STAGE 3.

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Target Water Use:

The goal for water use reduction under this drought stage is to limit total treated water use by all system users to less than 2.4 MGD.

Demand Management Measures:

Stage 3 curtailment shall be initiated upon the existence of severe drought or emergency conditions. The City Manager and/or his staff shall:

- a. Develop or continue the use of an Information/Education Center and designate or continue the use of an Information Person.
- b. Advise the public of the drought condition and publicize the availability of information from the Information Center.
- c. Wasting water is prohibited and is defined as: allowing water to run off a property through the street, gutter, ditch, alley, or drain for more than 75 feet from the downgrade of the property line; failure to repair a controllable leak including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.
- d. Ban the use of non-essential water for other than health, safety, and sanitary purposes. Non-essential water use includes washing house windows, sidings, eaves, or roof with a hose; washing driveways, streets, curbs, or gutters; fire hydrant flushing; water system flushing; watering athletic fields; dust control sprinkling; draining and/or filling swimming pools except for the City pool, construction of new swimming pools is prohibited; maintaining of water level in existing pools is allowed.
- e. Use of fire hydrants shall be limited to fire-fighting activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare. By written approval of the City Manager or his designee, businesses may purchase water and draw from fire hydrants for land development and building construction. Other businesses

requiring water as a basic necessity of their operation, such as nurseries, commercial car washes, laundromats, high pressure water cleaning services, etc. will also obtain written permission from the City Manager.

- f. Watering of landscape gardens, flowerbeds, trees, shrubs, but not lawns, by all commercial, industrial, and residential customers is permitted at any time on any day only if: a garden hose is used and is held in the hand during the duration of the irrigation event, or a faucet-filled container of five (5) gallons or less is used, or a drip irrigation system such as soaker hose, deep root system, or bubbler is used. For the purpose of this section a drip irrigation system is defined as an irrigation device or system designed to emit water at low volumes and low pressure directly onto the soil surface or below the soil surface without airborne streams or droplets. Watering of lawns utilizing sprinklers or sprinkler systems is not permitted at any time. No new lawns may be installed.
- g. Ornamental fountains are allowed if equipped with a recycling system; construction of new ornamental fountains is not allowed.
- h. It is permissible to wash vehicles under the following conditions: Automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats and other types of mobile equipment at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial service station or at any location including a residence by using a five (5) gallon container and/or a hand held hose equipped with a quick shut-off nozzle for quick rinses. If the health, safety and welfare of the public depends on frequent vehicle cleaning as determined by the City Manager or his/her designee, the washing of vehicles such as emergency vehicles, aircraft, garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables will be allowed. Charity car washes are prohibited.
- i. Provide for issuance of citations for violations. These users will also be subject to disconnection or discontinuance of City water services. These fines shall be as follows:
 - a. 1st offense \$75.00
 - b. 2nd offense \$100.00
 - c. 3rd offense \$200.00
 - d. 4th offense Discontinuation of Service
- j. Explore the possibility of utilizing alternative water sources and/or alternative delivery mechanisms with prior approval from TCEQ as appropriate.
- k. A system priority will be established. Those users with the highest priority will be the last to have their water use restricted. The system priority is as follows:
 - a. Hospitals
 - b. Residential
 - c. Schools
 - d. Industrial
 - e. Commercial
 - f. Recreational

Notification of System Users:

- l. The City Manager, or his/her designee, will contact wholesale water customers to discuss water supply and/or demand conditions and will request that wholesale water customers initiate mandatory curtailment in their systems.
- m. The City Manager, or his/her designee, will provide a weekly report to news media with information regarding current water supply and/or demand conditions if drought conditions persist, and consumer information on water conservation measures and practices.
- n. The City Manager will notify retail water users through local media outlets, wholesale customers via phone and written correspondence, and the TCEQ via phone and written correspondence within five working days of rescinding Stage 3 restrictions.

City Officials will patrol and maintain a record of all violations

Leaks on residential property will be repaired immediately or service may be disconnected.

Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the City of Breckenridge at (254) 559-8287 or www.breckenridgetx.gov.



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