

2008 OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

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Variations to Drought Level 4 have been approved for several water utilities. Please see table and information below. Variance updates can be found at www.gawp.org *

55 North Georgia counties remain at Level 4 (including metro-Atlanta). Level 4 drought response area includes Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Walker, Walton, White, Whitfield, and Wilkes counties.

The following is allowed under Level 4 Drought Restrictions:

- **Established landscapes** can be hand-watered by any person**
 - For 25 minutes between 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. (*hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off automatically when it is released)
 - Watering is restricted to the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
 - Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
 - Even-numbered addresses: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- **Newly installed landscapes** may be watered
 - ***By any person who has registered with the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program***
 - Watering is allowed for 30 days during a period of 10 weeks
 - Watering is restricted to the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
 - 3 days/week for 10 consecutive weeks on an odd/even schedule
 - Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
 - Even-numbered addresses: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
 - During installation, new landscapes may be watered in at any time of the day
 - Outdoor Water Use Registration Program is available:
 - At your county extension service office (1-800-ASK-UGA1) - free
 - Online at www.urbanagcouncil.com - \$ 4.95 convenience fee charge
 - Each landscape company needs to register for this program (may copy certificate for use at multiple addresses).
 - Each landscape company's clients (homeowner/property owner or manager) must also complete this program for each property they own or manage.

The following activities are allowed under all drought levels by EPD Drought Management Plan

4. Commercial uses

a. Above rules for landscape installation use supercede rules that are listed in RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION CHAPTER 391-3-30 OUTDOOR WATER USE

- b Irrigation contractors: during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments only.
- c. Sod producers
- d. Ornamental growers
- e. Fruit and vegetable growers
- f. Retail garden centers
- g. Hydro-seeding
- h. Power-washing
- i. Construction sites (to establish vegetative cover after earth moving)
- j. Producers of food and fiber
- k. Car washes
- l. Water needed to sustain daily business
- m. Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf

The following uses are PROHIBITED under Drought Level 4:

- Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing.
 - Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks, driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety
 - Washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes, golf carts.
 - Washing buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
 - Non-commercial fund-raisers, such as car washes.
 - Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life.

For complete Rules, Regulations and Exemptions please go to the website, www.gaepd.org, click on “Outdoor Water Use Schedule” and then click on “Rules for Outdoor Water Use”.

*** Variances to Level 4: Water utilities in the level 4 drought response area who do NOT depend on Lake Lanier and directly on releases from Buford Dam can petition EPD for a modified drought response (Level IVa, IVb, IVc):**

o **Level IVa** - Odd/even watering 1 day per week between midnight and 10:00 am. At the discretion of the permittee, odd addresses water on Sundays or Thursdays, even addresses water on Mondays or Saturdays - ***Completion of Outdoor Water Use Registration Program IS required.***

o **Level IVb** - Odd/even watering 2 days per week between midnight and 10:00 am: Odd on Tuesdays and Thursdays, even on Mondays and Wednesdays. At the discretion of the permittee odd addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays, even addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays - ***Completion of Outdoor Water Use Registration Program IS required.***

o **Level IVc** - Odd/even watering 3 days per week between midnight and 10:00 am: Odd on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, even on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays - ***Completion of Outdoor Water Use Registration Program IS NOT required.***

The following water utilities have received variances:

Name of Municipality	Approved Drought Level	Approval Date
Catoosa Utility District Authority	IV b	6/4/2008
City of Ball Ground	IV b	6/3/2008
City of Chickamauga	IV b	6/3/2008
Madison County ID and BA Water Department	IV b	6/10/2008
Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority	IV b	6/10/2008
Bent Tree Community	IV c	6/4/2008
Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority	IV c	6/3/2008
City of LaGrange	IV c	6/2/2008
City of Rome	IV c	6/5/2008
Clayton County Water Authority	IV c	6/4/2008
Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority	IV c	5/27/2008
Newnan Utilities	IV c	6/2/2008
City of Carrollton	IV c	6/6/2008
Fayette County	IV c	6/10/2008
Carroll County	IV c	6/9/2008

60 central Georgia counties are now at Drought Level 2, including 6 counties who have been moved from Level 4 to Level 2 (Muscogee, Harris, Spalding, Butts, Jasper and Greene counties). The Outdoor Water Use Registration Program is not required under Drought Level 2. If your county has gone to drought level two you must revert back to the language found in the Outdoor Water Use rule: http://www.gaepd.org/Files_PDF/rules/rules_exist/391-3-30.pdf

- **Drought Level 2**
- New landscapes may be watered for 30 consecutive days between midnight and 10 am. Professionally installed new landscapes have a commercial exemption and may be watered anytime of day for 30 consecutive days. Existing landscapes in Drought Level Two may be watered from midnight until 10 am on the odd even system.
- Level 2 drought response area includes Atkinson, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Burke, Butts, Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Coffee, Columbia, Crawford, Crisp, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Harris, Houston, Irwin, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Lamar, Lee, Macon, Marion, Mc Duffie, Monroe, Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Tift, Turner, Twiggs, Upson, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wilcox, Wilkinson, and Worth counties.

44 middle and south Georgia counties are now at Drought Level 1.

Drought Level one is the least restrictive level and outdoor water may be used between midnight and 10 am and 4 pm to midnight on the odd/even house number system.

- Level 1 drought response area includes Appling, Bacon, Baker, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Early, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn, Grady, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Miller, Montgomery, Mitchell, Pierce, Screven, Seminole, Tattnall, Thomas, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Wayne and Wheeler counties.