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The Colony Continues Phase 2 Drought Contingency Plan

The City of The Colony is a partner in a regional water conservation alliance with many of our neighboring communities. This alliance was established to protect our natural resources during extreme drought periods such as we are experiencing now. Though The Colony has several sources for our community’s water supply, we are encouraging all residents to participate in the Phase 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan listed below. Although our city had a record high demand on water this past weekend, we are still at safe levels. By partnering on these conservation measures we are helping to prevent our region from reaching a critical state where more restrictive water restrictions may be put into force.

(2) Phase 2.

a. Mandatory water watch—Trigger conditions. Any of the following may trigger phase 2:

1. Dallas Water Utilities declares stage 2 mandatory water watch.
2. The daily water consumption reaches 85 percent of the system capacity for three consecutive days.
3. Daily water consumption will not enable storage levels to be maintained.

b. Mandatory water watch—Drought contingency measures. All phase 1 measures will become mandatory and remain in effect during phase 2 except:

1. Outdoor use of water will be limited to the following schedule:

Last Digit of Address	Allowed Irrigation Dates
Even number	Sundays and Thursdays
Odd number	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address	Sundays and Thursdays
No watering on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays	

Outdoor uses consist of washing vehicles, boats, trailers, landscape sprinkler systems and irrigation, recreational use of sprinklers, outside showers (in parks), and residential water slides. All commercial accounts and accounts servicing more than one address such as office buildings and multifamily complexes shall use the street number indicated on the service building. This restriction applies to all facilities including recreation fields, parks, schools, and the city. Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a

faucet-filled bucket or drip irrigation system.

2. Washing of any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is restricted to the use of 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. Such washing may be exempted by the city manager 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. Hosing off paved areas, buildings, windows or other surfaces is prohibited.

4. Commercial uses not listed and industrial uses will be controlled to the extent dictated by the city manager.

5. Restrict operation of ornamental fountains or ponds to initial filling except when equipped with a recirculation system.

6. Prohibit recreational water use including uses of faucets, hoses or hydrants where there is water running into the street.

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