



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**PRESS RELEASE**

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TO: Media Outlets  
Citizens of Commerce, TX

FROM: Howdy W. Lisenbee, City Manager

SUBJECT: Stage 4 – Mandatory Water Restrictions

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Under the Water Conservation Plan for the City of Commerce, Stage 4 Critical Water Conditions exist when conditions exist within the water system that present severe water shortages. City staff has determined that these conditions exist and call for a deliberate, measured response from the customers within the system.

Until these conditions change, the City of Commerce will remain under Stage 4 Mandatory Water Restrictions.

**Stage 4 Water Restrictions**

*Landscape Irrigation*

- Lawn/Grass irrigation is limited to one-day per week.
  - Odd Numbered street addresses can use irrigation systems on Saturdays
  - Even Numbered street addresses can use irrigation systems on Sundays
  - Lawns can be watered by hand-held hose at any time.
- Flower Gardens/Landscaping
  - Irrigation of flower gardens or landscaping is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket, or a drip irrigation system.

*Vehicle Washing*

- Vehicle washing is allowed at any time at a commercial car wash or service station.
- Vehicle washing at other locations must be done by hand with a wash bucket and a hand-held water hose.

*Swimming Pools & Ornamental Fountains*

- Swimming Pools, Jacuzzis, and ornamental pools can be filled or refilled only between the hours of 8PM and 10AM.

*Prohibited Uses*

The following water uses are considered non-essential and are prohibited at all times:

- Washing or pressure washing all hard surfaces to include sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots.
- Washing down buildings, roofs, or other structures for any purpose other than firefighting.
- Use of water for dust control.
- Failure to fix a known water leak in a timely manner.

**ENFORCEMENT**

- Any person who violates this plan is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and subject to a fine for each day the violation continues.
- Any person who has three or more violations may have their water service disconnected until the violation ceases, subject to a reconnection fee.