

Nov. 3, 2022

Buda to Move into Stage 2 Drought Measures

BUDA, TEXAS – The City of Buda is implementing “Stage 2” drought conservation measures beginning **Monday, Nov. 7, 2022**.

The move to Stage 2 restrictions is partially precipitated by the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District’s (BSEACD) move to Stage 3 restrictions for the Barton Springs Segment of the aquifer. The City of Buda receives approximately 25% of its water supply from the Edwards Aquifer.

“It is imperative that we do our part to help mitigate the impact on declining groundwater levels and the health of Barton Springs,” Buda’s Assistant Director of Public Works Blake Neffendorf said. “Outdoor landscaping watering needs tend to be minimal during late fall and winter months.”

The Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer continues to decline and has reached critical level. At the same time, recent rainfall has not produced sufficient runoff to recharge groundwater levels.

The following table outlines the restrictions for Stage II. Water conservation information can be found at <https://www.budatx.gov/232/Water-Conservation> Code Ordinance Section 24.06

Stage II Restrictions	
Waste of Water	Prohibited at all times
Irrigation with hose-end and automatic sprinkler systems	Twice per week on designated day; prohibited between the hours of midnight and 7 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odd-numbered residential: Wednesday and Saturday • Even-numbered residential: Thursday and Sunday • Commercial, mixed use and multi-family: Tuesday and Friday • It is recommended that outdoor watering be limited to one of the permitted watering days each week to promote conservation
Irrigation with handheld bucket, handheld hose, soaker hose, or drip irrigation system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to the outdoor watering twice-per-week schedule • Prohibited between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Irrigation of vegetable gardens	Allowed using a handheld bucket, handheld hose, soaker hose or drip irrigation system on any day but prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Irrigation to protect trees	Allowed using a soaker hose, automatic bubbler, tree watering bag, or similar device placed within the tree’s dripline on any day but prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Commercial Nurseries	Subject to the time restrictions when using automated irrigation systems but may operate any day. Use of handheld bucket, handheld hose with positive shutoff device, soaker hose, and/or drip irrigation systems are permitted at any time on any day
Foundation Watering	Any day and at any time. However, saturation to the point it causes pooling in the yard or runoff is prohibited
Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filling of new swimming pools using municipal water is prohibited • Makeup water for existing swimming pools is allowed • Pool surfaces shall be covered at least 50% when not in use
Aesthetic water features	Non-Recirculating prohibited at all times
Washing of impervious surfaces	Prohibited, unless required for health and safety
Vehicle Washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noncommercial vehicle washing is allowed at any time but must comply with the twice-per-week outdoor watering schedule using a handheld bucket or a handheld hose equipped with a positive shut-off device • Commercial vehicle washing is allowed on any day and at any time • Charity carwashes are prohibited unless held at and using a commercial carwash facility to wash vehicles
Other Nonessential water uses	Allowed, but all reasonable measures shall be taken to limit the use.
Construction Water	Construction Water used for non-potable needs, such as dust suppression, shall utilize alternative sources of water such as rainwater, graywater, and reclaimed water to the maximum extent available. The City Manager may cap withdrawals from construction meters connected to the City water system.

The City of Buda is home to about 18,000 residents and has earned designations as a “Texas Main Street City,” “Tree City USA,” “Bee City Affiliate” and “Platinum Level Scenic City.” Buda is situated along the Interstate 35 corridor, has 14 parks and a historic downtown district where residents and visitors alike can shop, dine, relax, and breathe easy here.