



City of Buda Water Conservation

Water is a precious resource in Buda. Throughout our region, it provides tourism, recreation, habitat for endangered species, and drinking water for a rapidly growing population. Unfortunately, it is also a limited resource, especially during times of drought, which are common in central Texas. Wise use of our water resource is critical to the economic health and vitality of our city—a key resource in maintaining and enhancing Buda’s quality of life. Conserving water provides financial benefits as well, as it reduces customer utility bills and assists the City in keeping utility rates as low as possible. It is necessary for each of us to do our part to conserve water, and by doing so ensure adequate water supplies both now and in the future.

Article 24.06 of the Code of Ordinances establishes regulations for water conservation and droughts. Through this ordinance, the City has established year-round restrictions as well as restrictions for each of the four triggered drought stages to improve the effectiveness of the program, recognize the unique needs of each of the City’s water sources as well as the City’s expanding water supply, and respond to citizen concerns. **The City of Buda is currently in a triggered Drought Stage 1; Customers are required to abide by the Stage 1 Drought Restrictions.** Additional information, restrictions and penalties are contained in Article 24.06 of the Code of Ordinances. Please visit www.ci.buda.tx.us for more information.

What triggers a drought response stage?

Stage	Triggers
Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) declares an Alarm Stage; OR • Daily demand reaches 75% of available supply; OR • A water quality, supply, distribution system or other emergency exists
Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSEACD declares a Critical Stage; OR • BSEACD declares an Alarm Stage and Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) declares Stage II; OR • Daily demand reaches 80% of available supply; OR • A water quality, supply, distribution system or other emergency exists
Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSEACD declares an Exceptional Stage; OR • BSEACD declares a Critical Stage and GBRA declares Stage III; OR • Daily demand reaches 85% of available supply; OR • A water quality, supply, distribution system or other emergency exists
Stage 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSEACD declares an Emergency Response Stage; OR • BSEACD declares a Critical Stage and GBRA declares Stage IV; OR • Daily demand reaches 90% of available supply; OR • A water quality, supply, distribution system or other emergency exists

Year Round Restrictions

Year-Round Restriction	
Waste of Water	Prohibited
Irrigation with sprinklers	Allowed any day, but only between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.
Irrigation of new landscapes	Same as for existing, unless participating in New Landscape Installation Program.
Irrigation with hand-held bucket, hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip	All allowed any day, any time.
Residential vehicle washing	Any day at any time, but must use hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off.
Charity vehicle washing	Any day at any time, but must use hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off.
Swimming pools	May be operated and filled as normal.
Decorative water features	Non-recirculating aesthetic water features is prohibited at all times; Recirculating features allowed.
Washing impervious surfaces	Allowed, but recommended to only use for health and safety.
Foundation watering	Any day at any time, but may not causing pooling or runoff.

Year-round restrictions are in effect at all times unless replaced by more stringent Drought Stage measures.

City of Buda Drought Stage Restrictions Summary

Effective April 25, 2014, the City of Buda is currently in Stage 1. A summary of key conservation rules is provided in the table below for each stage:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Waste of Water	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Irrigation with sprinklers	Twice per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.	Twice per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.	Once per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.	Once per every other week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.
Irrigation of new landscapes	Same as for existing, unless participating in New Landscape Installation Program.	Same as for existing, unless participating in New Landscape Installation Program.	Same as for existing, unless participating in New Landscape Installation Program.	Same as for existing, unless participating in New Landscape Installation Program.
Irrigation with hand-held bucket, hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip	All allowed any day, any time.	Twice per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.	Once per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.	Once per every other week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight.
Residential vehicle washing	Any day at any time, but must use hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off.	Twice per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight; must use hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off.	Once per week on designated day* between midnight and 10am, and 7pm to midnight; must use hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off.	Prohibited unless held at a Commercial Car Wash.
Charity vehicle washing	Any day at any time, but must use hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off.	Prohibited unless held at a Commercial Car Wash.	Prohibited unless held at a Commercial Car Wash.	Prohibited unless held at a Commercial Car Wash.
Swimming pools	May be operated and filled as normal.	Filling of new swimming pools is prohibited, but make-up is allowed. Surface shall be 25% covered when not in use.	Filling of new swimming pools is prohibited, but make-up is allowed. Surface shall be 25% covered when not in use.	Filling of new swimming pools or make-up of existing pools is prohibited; Surface shall be fully covered when not in use.
Decorative water features	Non-recirculating aesthetic water features is prohibited at all times; Recirculating features allowed.	Non-recirculating aesthetic water features is prohibited at all times; Recirculating features allowed.	Non-recirculating aesthetic water features is prohibited at all times; Recirculating features allowed.	Non-recirculating aesthetic water features is prohibited at all times; Recirculating features allowed.
Washing impervious surfaces	Prohibited unless required for health and safety.	Prohibited unless required for health and safety.	Prohibited unless required for health and safety.	Prohibited unless required for health and safety.
Foundation watering	Any day at any time, but may not causing pooling or runoff.	Any day at any time, but may not causing pooling or runoff.	Any day at any time, but may not causing pooling or runoff.	Any day at any time, but may not causing pooling or runoff.

*Designated Days

Twice-Per-Week (Stage 1 and 2)	Once-Per-Week (Stage 3)	Once-Per-Every-Other Week (Stage 4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odd-Numbered Residential: Wednesday and/or Saturday • Even-Numbered Residential: Thursday and/or Sunday • Commercial, Mixed Use and Multifamily: Tuesday and/or Friday 	Addresses ending in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 or 1: Monday • 2 or 3: Tuesday • 4 or 5: Wednesday • 6 or 7: Thursday • 8 or 9: Friday 	On the week of recycling collection for addresses ending in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 or 1: Monday • 2 or 3: Tuesday • 4 or 5: Wednesday • 6 or 7: Thursday • 8 or 9: Friday