

Drought Contingency Plan

The City of Portland's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) was created to reduce water demands when supplies are low due to drought and avoid complete water loss. The DCP explains the triggers initiated by a drought and the steps to be taken during each stage of the drought.

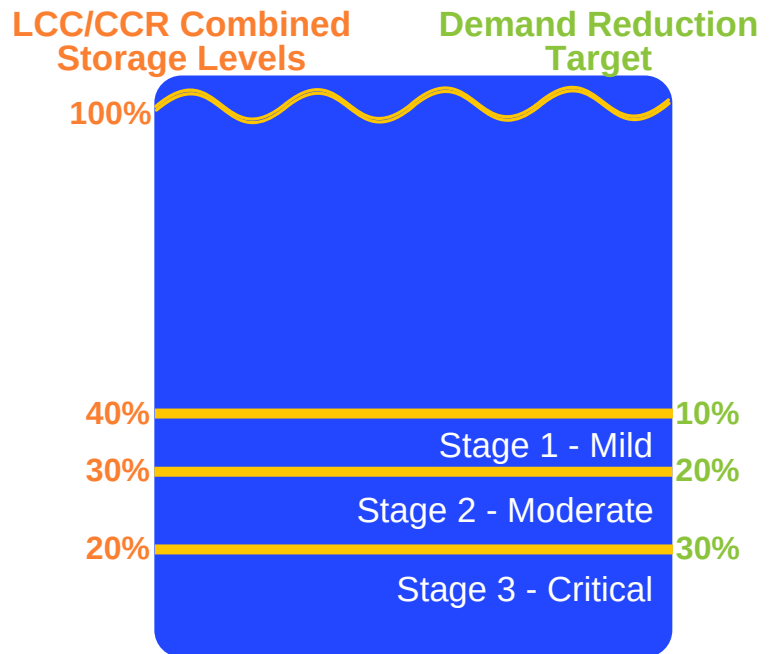
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RESERVOIR LEVEL DEMAND RESPONSE

PORTLAND'S WATER SOURCES

- Lake Corpus Christi (LCC)
- Choke Canyon Reservoir (CCR)



-10% STAGE 1 - Mild Water Shortage Watch

- Limit irrigation, washing of vehicles or similar water usage to 1x per week
 - May apply for exemption permit at Public Works for variances (i.e. new plantings)
- Watering Day is on the Residential Trash Collection Day for your section
- Fines for Drought Restrictions Violations in Ordinance Sec. 23-123 include:
 - A fine of up to \$500 per violation
 - Repeated violations may cause the water account to be suspended

Thank you for conserving water, Portland!



Drought Management Overview

STAGE 1 IN EFFECT

The City of Corpus Christi implemented Stage 1 drought restrictions on June 14, 2022. The City of Portland purchases its water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District, which purchases water from the City of Corpus Christi. Under the purchase agreement, the City of Portland is contractually obligated to abide by the same restrictions as the City of Corpus Christi.

Stage 1 : Mild Water Shortage Watch - Restrictions Guidelines

- Limit **Sprinkler Irrigation** to **ONE DAY PER WEEK** (1x per week)
 - Watering day is the **day of your weekly trash pick-up**
 - Those outside of City limits' watering day is Friday
 - Irrigation and lawn watering are **prohibited between 10am to 6pm**
- Limit **Washing Vehicles**, motorbikes, boats, and trailers to 1x per week on designated watering day (trash pick-up day), unless using a bucket or a hose with a positive shutoff nozzle (including soaker hoses)
- Limit **Filling Swimming Pools** and jacuzzi-like pools to 1x per week on designated watering day
- **PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:**
 - Using fire hydrants for construction purposes
 - Washing buildings, sidewalks, homes, driveways and other similar items (except for business purposes or in interest of public health)
 - Variances for new plantings, hardships, and special circumstances
 - These permits can be obtained through Public Works - located at 1101 Moore Ave. Please call for questions 361-777-4601
- Portland residents **may continue to:**
 - Use handheld and drip irrigation (bucket and hoses **with a positive shutoff valve** - including soaker hoses) any day and time
 - Water **foundations to maintain the integrity** of buildings with a handheld hose or drip irrigation system any day and time

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES ALWAYS IN EFFECT

- No sprinkler irrigation or lawn watering between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Irrigation must not result in water-run off, overflow into storm drains, or spray directly on paved surfaces (driveways or sidewalks) in public rights-of-way
- Irrigation systems must not operate at water pressures higher than recommended, causing heads to mist, or to operate with broken heads
- Non-recycling decorative water fountains are prohibited
- Water may not run constantly through a tap, hydrant, or valve
- Defective plumbing must be repaired if leaking or causing water loss **Page 2 of 2**