

Stage I Supplement to Ordinance 05-09

SUMMARY OF DEVINE'S STAGE I WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

We are currently under Stage I of the City of Devine's drought management ordinance effective April 18, 2011. To follow are some of the particular restrictions:

- 1) Landscape watering for new landscaping plants:
Under Stage I, landscape watering between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. is prohibited. Landscaping watering between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. is permitted. Landscape watering with hand-held hose, bucket or drip system is permitted at any time.
- 2) Landscape watering for existing landscaping plants:
Under Stage I, landscape watering is prohibited except between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Flood irrigation is prohibited. Landscape watering with a hand-held hose, bucket or drip system is permitted at anytime.
- 3) Swimming pools, hot tubs, and similar facilities:
Under Stage I, filling of new private facilities is prohibited. Filling of existing facilities is permitted. Makeup for new and existing facilities is permitted.
- 4) Vegetable Gardens:
Under Stage I, irrigation between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. is prohibited. Irrigation between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. is permitted. Irrigation with hand-held hose, bucket or drip system is permitted at anytime.
- 5) Golf Courses:
Under Stage I, irrigation is prohibited except once every five days between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- 6) Aesthetic Use:
Under Stage I, reduction is recommended for inside and outside use.
- 7) Other Outside Uses:
Under Stage I, waste is prohibited. Reduction of washing of impervious surface areas is recommended. Washing of mobile equipment is prohibited except on designated days with a hand-held hose or bucket. The designated day is Saturday.
- 8) Industrial, Commercial, and Others:
Under Stage I, Stage II and Stage III, reduction is recommended. User is encouraged to reduce water usage by any means available. Compliance with the mandatory demand reduction measures is required for those uses in the Outdoor category, including landscape watering, swimming pools, hot tubs, and similar facilities, golf courses, car washes, and aesthetic uses such as fountains, regardless of whether the user is an industrial user. Industrial reductions may be imposed under Stage III of conditions warrant.

As a general rule, waste is prohibited. Reduction of **all** water use is recommended. Private wells are excluded from the ordinance but reduction of use is recommended – they tend to go dry quickly during a drought.

Each violation of the ordinance shall be punished by a penalty of a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00. Each day a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense.

This is only a summary of some of the parts of the ordinance applicable under Stage I. Stage II may be declared within the next several weeks and the restrictions will be much harsher. (Our Stage II is almost as restrictive as San Antonio's Stage IV). Copies of the ordinance are available at the city hall. If you have any questions or wish to report water wasters, call the City at 663-2804.