



City of Cochran Public Works Department
Highways/Streets – Water/Sewer – Solid Waste – Natural Gas
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Current drought conditions in Bleckley County are high considering the lack of abundant rainfall totals over the last 90 days. The City of Cochran water utilities are pumping a 3-month average of 23,939,000 gallons of water from the Floridian aquifer. That is a daily average of 265,989 gallons.

Due to the current conditions and high water demand a **water usage restriction goes into effect at 12:00 midnight July 24,2016 until further notice.**

The following restrictions be implemented:

1. No washing hard surfaces such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety;
2. No using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls; to include but not limited to water toys, such as sprinklers, slides, etc.;
3. No washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, or golf carts at a residential location between the hours of 12:00 noon through 12:00 midnight;
4. No non-commercial washing, or pressure washing, of buildings or structures, except for immediate fire protection; and
5. General Outdoor Watering. Outdoor irrigation for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants is not permitted.

(b) Specific Categories of Outdoor Water Use. **The outdoor water uses shall be allowed, subject to the following additional requirements:**

1. Irrigation of personal food gardens shall be conducted between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., unless done using drip irrigation or soaker hoses. Irrigation of personal food gardens using drip irrigation or soaker hoses may be done at any time;

2. Hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be conducted between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.;
3. Irrigation of personal property, athletic fields and public turf grass recreational areas may be conducted between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.
4. Use of reclaimed waste water by a designated user from a system permitted by the Division to provide reclaimed waste water shall not be allowed for general outdoor watering.
5. Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems is allowed, provided that it is done by professional landscapers or golf course superintendents.

Any charity groups or non-commercial fund-raiser activities who wish to wash cars are asked to contact City Hall for approval of event during water restrictions. Customers who have within the last 30 days applied sod and are in the process of establishing your yard is asked to contact City Hall. For concerns or questions, please contact City Hall at 934-6346 or Public Works at 934-6010. Thank you.

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