

**Stage 3  
Severe**

**Drought**

**PHDI from -3.00 to -3.99**

**Water Reduction Goal – 20%**

**Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District**

**Continue to encourage the practice of water conservation methods and reduce overall usage by 20% through the following practices:**

- **Re-use and re-circulate water whenever possible**
- **Check for and repair all leaks**
- **Outdoor lawn and landscape watering should be done between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 am.**
- **Limit watering of lawns and landscapes to once every 5 to 7 days.**
- **Wash vehicles only at a car wash when needed.**
- **Keep decorative fountains, landscape ponds, and swimming pools covered whenever possible to reduce evaporation.**
- **Do not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or any outdoor surfaces except for human or animal health and safety reasons, or fire hazard prevention.**
- **Providing groundwater to ponds, tanks, lakes, reservoirs, swimming pools, or other surface impoundments for holding water that have a total capacity of more than 100,000 gallons is prohibited, and for total capacities less 100,000 gallons is discouraged.**
- **Water for dust control only when required by law.**
- **Watering livestock in leak-proof troughs is recommended.**

**Mandatory Water Reduction Decision:**

- **The Board may elect to enforce mandatory reductions for permitted users up to a 10% decrease in yearly production.**
- **If the Board chooses to adopt mandatory reductions on permitted users, the decision must be made prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> for the following calendar year's permitted use.**
- **A public meeting must be held and all permit holders will be notified prior to the meeting.**
- **The Board shall consider water reduction of a public water supply entity due to the implementation of their drought plan.**
- **The Board shall consider water reduction plans of other permitted users that have been implemented prior to the proposed date of the mandatory water reduction of the District.**
- **The Board can terminate the mandatory reduction at any time the Board determines the drought conditions improve to acceptable levels.**
- **The Board may not increase the mandatory reduction during the year the mandatory reduction is in effect.**