



**PRESS RELEASE
CITY OF BEEVILLE**

STAGE 1 DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN DECLARATION

For Immediate Release

Lake Corpus Christi serves as the City of Beeville's primary water source. Due to prolonged drought conditions Lake Corpus Christi has dropped below 40% of its storage capacity. Due to the lake's decreased storage capacity and in accordance with the City Council's adopted Drought Contingency Plan, Stage 1 – Mild Water Shortage condition conservation actions are being enacted effective immediately.

As a result, effective Tuesday, December 29, 2020 all City of Beeville water customers are asked to institute the following measures:

- 1) Limit operation of sprinkler irrigation systems of yards to one day per week between the hours of 6:00 pm and 10:00 am. Hand-held and drip irrigation are allowed any time on any day with a hand-held bucket, hand-held hose, or drip irrigation system equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle.
- 2) Limit car washing to one time per week, except at a commercial car wash. Car washing at home should be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.
- 3) Water uses from hydrants are permitted for construction purposes (i.e., dust control). Water is permitted for firefighting and purposes necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare such as flushing dead-end mains.
- 4) If necessary, the use of water to maintain the integrity of building foundations is permitted on any day at any time by use of hand-held or drip hose.
- 5) Do not wash building exteriors, sidewalks, etc. except in interest of public health safety.
- 6) Do not allow water to run off a property into streets or storm drains.
- 7) Do not allow water to flow constantly through a tap, hydrant, or valve.

Stage 1 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan may be rescinded when the water storage level of Lake Corpus Christi increases to above 50%. If you have any questions, please call the City Manager's Office at 361-358-4641, ext. 201.

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