

Effective June 1, 2021, the Farmington City Council declared a Stage 1 “Water Shortage Advisory” as a precautionary measure & is requesting voluntary compliance with the water conservation measures outlined.

2021 has been one of the driest years on record in New Mexico, & the City of Farmington’s Water Utility is encouraging all customers to adopt an attitude of conservation.

It is important not to waste water to ensure that our water supply remains adequate & avoid facing mandatory water conservation restrictions.

The City’s Water Conservation plan outlines four basic stages with associated use saving goals.

- **Stage I** – Water Shortage Advisory (Promote voluntary conservation measures) Goal: **10%** savings
- **Stage II** – Water Shortage Watch (Implement mandatory conservation measures) Goal: **15%** savings
- **Stage III** – Water Shortage Warning (Implement more mandatory conservation measures) Goal: **35%** savings
- **Stage IV** – Water Shortage Emergency (Implement severe mandatory conservation measures) Goal: **50%** savings

Some or all of the following fundamental criteria may be used to determine each stage: Farmington Lake Level, Snow Pack, Palmer Drought Index, Stream Flow, Key System Component failure, and lack of rainfall.

Website links for each drought indicator (and the full “Conservation of Water in Emergency” ordinance) are provided, and include more detailed information on the City’s website. The Ordinance has a full list of criteria, penalties, and conditions for each stage.

There are NO penalties for Stage I non-compliance. However, fees up to \$500.00 & suspension of service are part of the subsequent stages. **Water use rates change with volume used. Volume rates information can be found on the City of Farmington website. The following “stage” required actions lists are summary only. Please visit fmtn.org/drought, for a complete list of restrictions and full ordinance details.**



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Water Shortage Advisory



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STAGE 1 – WATER SHORTAGE ADVISORY

IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 2021

VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION ACTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- 10% reduction in water use.
- Reduce lawn watering hours. Watering limited to 6 pm to 10 am (plant water use is optimized from 6 am to 10 am).
- Drinking water in restaurants only given if requested.
- Discourage filling of swimming pools or washing of concrete surfaces. Cover pools/hot tubs when not in use.
- Car washing at residences is discouraged. All hoses used for landscape watering, car washing, or other uses should be equipped with shut off nozzle.
- Replace old plumbing fixtures with low flow fixtures.
- Take shorter showers; do not let water run continuously while brushing teeth or shaving; and only flush when necessary.
- Appliances which use water, such as dishwashers and washing machines, should be run only with full loads.
- Water heaters should be insulated, with the temp set appropriately, and partially drained once per year.

All restrictions are additive to each successive stage.

STAGE 2 – WATER SHORTAGE WATCH

MANDATORY CONSERVATION ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall water use reduction goal is 15%
- Landscape or lawn watering shall be restricted to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for locations with even numbered addresses and Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday for locations with odd number addresses.
- Landscape and lawn watering shall be stopped when winds are strong enough to cause the water to leave the area being watered.

- Filling private use swimming pools is prohibited. Those already filled can be kept full but not emptied and refilled.
- Non-recycled fire hydrant water use prohibited unless to fight fires.
- New contracts for treated water bulk sales are prohibited.
- Hotels, motels and other lodging facilities shall be requested to promote water conservation by encouraging guests to minimize use of towels and not changing bed linens for multi-night stays except once every four days.
- Adherence to all voluntary measures set forth in stage 1 “water shortage advisory” that are not made mandatory by stage 2 is highly encouraged.

Fees for violations of water use restrictions are imposed in this stage.

STAGE 3 – WATER SHORTAGE WARNING

MANDATORY CONSERVATION ACTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- Cumulative 35% water use reduction goal.
- Filling private use swimming pools is prohibited. Those already filled can be kept full but not emptied and refilled.
- Washing of hard surfaces, such as parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, is prohibited, except in emergencies, as determined by the fire department
- Lodging establishment shall only change sheets and towels once/4 days for multi-stay guests.
- Residential and fund raising car washing at commercial businesses is prohibited, car washing at self-serve and automated car washes is permitted.
- Sprinkler systems shall be shut off when it is raining.
- Installation of new landscaping shall be prohibited until stage 3 restrictions are lifted, unless such landscaping is necessary to comply with some other existing code, ordinance, or requirement.

- **Additional significant charges for volume water use & fines for violations of water restrictions are applied.**

Fees for violations of water use restrictions are enforced in this stage.

STAGE 4 – WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

MANDATORY CONSERVATION ACTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- Total of 50% water use reduction goal.
- Landscape or lawn watering shall be prohibited.
- Car washing limited to businesses that wash vehicles shall be limited to Wednesday through Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and must be done using a high pressure wash system.
- Raw water bulk sales shall be suspended until stage 4 restrictions are lifted.
- No outdoor water use allowed in this stage, including:
 - Landscaping
 - Pools
 - Hot Tubs
 - Fountains
- **Additional significant charges for volume water use & fines for violations of water restrictions are applied.**

Fees for violations of water use restrictions are imposed in this stage.



For up-to-date information and current stage declaration, please visit our website, fmntn.org/drought.