

On May 1, 2018, 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.

2018 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.

Unlike other reservoirs in the state, Farmington Lake is at 100% of capacity.

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

Farmington Lake Level, Snow Pack, Palmer Drought Index, and Stream Flow are the fundamental criteria and used to determine each stage.

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 Conservation Plan



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STAGE 1 – WATER SHORTAGE ADVISORY

IN EFFECT MAY 1, 2018

VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION ACTIONS

- 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.
- 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.

Restrictions are additive to each successive stage.

STAGE 2 – WATER SHORTAGE WATCH TO BE CONSIDERED JUNE 12, 2018

MANDATORY CONSERVATION ACTION

- Water reduction goal is 15%
- Prohibit watering if wind is 12 mph or more.
- Lodging establishment to implement conservation measures; reusing towels & not changing sheets & towels for multi-night stays.
- 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.

- Water waste by leaks or inefficient sprinklers is prohibited. Indoor and outdoor leaks or improperly operating sprinklers shall be repaired immediately upon discovery.
- Car washing at self-serve car washes is permitted and businesses that wash vehicles are encouraged to use high pressure wash systems.
- 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

- 35% water reduction goal.
- Lawn watering restricted to 3 days a week.
- Lodging establishment shall only change sheets and towels once/4 days for multi-stay guests.
- Prohibited to wash vehicle at home
- Wells/ditches may have restrictions
- **Additional significant charges for volume water use & fines for violations of water restrictions are applied.**
- Credits are also available for total volumes under 6,000 gal./mo.
- 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.

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

STAGE 4 – WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

MANDATORY CONSERVATION ACTIONS

- 50% water reduction goal.
- All outside water use prohibited except for existing bulk water users – limited to 4hrs a day.
- **Additional significant charges for volume water use & fines for violations of water restrictions are applied.**
- Credits are also available for total volumes under 6,000 gal./mo.
- 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.
- No outdoor water use allowed in this stage, including:
 - Landscaping
 - Pools
 - Hot Tubs
 - Fountains

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



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