

STEPHENS REGIONAL SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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Dear Stephens Regional SUD Customer:

As specified in the Stephens Regional Special Utility District's (District) Drought Contingency Plan (Plan), one of the triggers for a Stage 1 – Mild Water Shortage Conditions is if Brazos River Authority (BRA) implements Stage 1 – Drought Water Condition of their Drought Contingency Plan. Since the District purchases water from BRA, we will be following the same water restriction guidelines. You may visit BRA's website for additional drought related information at <https://brazos.org/About-Us/Water-Supply/Drought>.

Enclosed is a fact sheet on ways to achieve a voluntary 5 percent reduction in daily water demand. Times and days permitted for watering is listed on this sheet. This information is also available on our website at <https://www.stephensregionalsud.com/recent-news>.

Should you have any questions regarding these restrictions or plan, please contact the office at 254.559.6180.

I want to express our appreciation for your cooperation with us to achieve the 5% voluntary reduction in water consumption during the implementation of this Stage 1 – Mild Water Shortage Condition. Hopefully conditions will improve, and as they do these restrictions will be lifted as soon as possible.

Sincerely;



Randall Cosgrove
General Manager

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CUSTOMER NOTICE
Stephens Regional Special Utility District
Drought Contingency Plan

Stephens Regional SUD is requesting all its customers be aware of the Stage 1 - Drought Contingency Plan in effect.

Since Stephens Regional SUD purchases water from the Brazos River Authority, we are implementing the same water restriction guidelines. The following guidelines need to be followed:

Stage 1 - Mild Water Shortage Conditions

1. Goal: *Achieve a voluntary 5 percent reduction in daily water demand.*
2. Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:
 - a. Customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address or route address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address, or rural route address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9).
 - b. Locations that do not have an address or a numerical address shall water on Sundays and Thursdays. Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. However, all watering should be prohibited between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., due to high evaporation.
 - c. Customers should refrain from use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle except on designated watering day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
 - d. Customers should refrain from use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi-type pools except on designated watering day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
 - e. Customers should refrain from operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life and where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
 - f. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fill, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated flush valves for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from Stephens Regional SUD.
 - g. All restaurants are requested to serve water only upon request of the patron.
 - h. Livestock watering tanks equipped with automatic or float valves should be monitored closely and filled by hand whenever possible.
 - i. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and should be refrained from:
 - Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
 - Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - Use of water for dust control;
 - Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 - Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).