



Birmingham Water Works Board Drought Management Plan Summary

Stage 1. Drought Advisory

- Public notices and press releases to customers.
- Voluntary Conservation Measures

Stage 2. Drought Watch

Same as Stage 1, plus the following voluntary measures:

- Two-day odd/even outdoor watering schedule and no watering between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and no watering on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- New lawns and landscaping exempt from day of the week watering restrictions for the first 30 days after installation.
- Golf courses to stagger watering of front nine holes two days per week (Mondays and Thursdays) and back nine holes two days per week (Tuesdays and Fridays).
- Exemptions made for select commercial outdoor water users.

Stage 3. Drought Warning

Same as Stage 1 and 2, plus the following:

- The Birmingham Water Works Board will implement surcharges for excessive water use.
- Municipalities requested to adopt and implement their Drought Ordinance.
- Customers will be allowed to water established lawns and landscaping one day per week using irrigation systems for no more than a total of one hour.
- Customers without irrigation systems will be allowed to hand water using a hose with a nozzle two days per week.
- New lawns and landscaping exempt from day of the week watering restrictions for the first 20 days after installation.
- Athletic fields may be watered Wednesdays and Saturdays between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. when determined that said fields are hazardous to the health and safety of children and athletes, by being too hard by virtue of a lack of water.
- Golf courses to restrict watering to tees and greens only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- Exemptions made for select commercial outdoor water users.

Stage 4. Extreme Drought Emergency

Same as Stage 1 and 2 plus the following:

- The Birmingham Water Works Board will implement surcharges for excessive water use.
- Municipalities requested to adopt and implement their Drought Ordinance.
- Customers will be allowed to hand water using a hose with a nozzle one day per week.
- No watering between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on each allowable watering day, and no watering on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- New lawns and landscaping exempt from day of the week watering restrictions for the first 20 days after installation.
- Athletic fields may be watered Wednesdays and Saturdays between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. when determined that said fields are hazardous to the health and safety of children and athletes, by being too hard by virtue of a lack of water.
- Golf courses to restrict watering to tees and greens only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- Exemptions made for select commercial outdoor water users.

Stage 5. Exceptional Drought Emergency

- The Birmingham Water Works Board will implement surcharges for excessive water use.
- Municipalities to declare an Exceptional Drought Emergency, which bans all non-essential outdoor water usage.