

City of Florence

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY

STAGE 1 MILD Water Shortage Conditions

Stage 1 Response – MILD Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a voluntary 10 percent reduction in total water use.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

- (a) Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and to irrigate landscapes only between the hours of midnight and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to midnight on designated watering days.
- (b) All operations of the City of Florence shall adhere to water use restrictions prescribed for Stage 2 of the Plan.
- (c) Water customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes.

Even number address: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 and locations without addresses.

Odd numbered addresses: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

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Stage 2 Response – MODERATE Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 15 percent reduction in total water use.

Water Use Restrictions: Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or water can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. 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 is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (c) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are quipped with recirculation system.
- (e) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Florence.
- (f) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated water days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the City of Florence, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.

- (g) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
- (h) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas;
 2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 3. Use of water for dust control;
 4. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 5. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Even number address: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 and locations without addresses.

Odd numbered addresses: street addresses, box numbers, or rural postal route numbers ending in

1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

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Stage 3 Response – SEVERE Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 15 percent reduction in total water use.

Water Use Restrictions: Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.
- (b) The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.
- (a) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. 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 is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- (b) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (c) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life

or where such fountains or ponds are quipped with recirculation system.

- (d) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Florence.
- (e) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated water days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the City of Florence, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.
- (f) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
- (g) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 - 1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas;
 - 2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - 3. Use of water for dust control;
 - 4. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 - 5. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

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Stage 4 Response – CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, or drip irrigation only. The use of hose-end sprinklers or permanently installed automatic sprinkler systems are prohibited at all times.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash and commercial service stations and not in the immediate interest of public health, safety and welfare is prohibited. Further, such vehicle washing at commercial car washes and commercial service stations shall occur only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools are prohibited.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in-size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought responses stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.

- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Florence.
- (g) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated water days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the City of Florence, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.
- (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
- (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 - a. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas;
 - b. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - c. Use of water for dust control;
 - d. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 - e. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Section X: Enforcement

- (a) No person shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the City of Florence for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by Mayor or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan.
- (b) Any person who violates this plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon convictions shall be punished by fine or not less than ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and not more than TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2000.00). Each day that one of more of the provisions in this plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Water Department shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connections charge, hereby established at \$40.00, and any other costs incurred by the City of Florence in discontinuing service. In

addition, suitable assurance must be given to the City of Florence that the same action shall not be repeated while this Plan is in effect. Compliance with this Plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

- (c) Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the City of Florence, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttal presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttal presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably know of the violation.
- (d) Any employee of the City of Florence, Police Officer, or other City employee designated by the Mayor may issue a citation to a person he/she reasonably believes to be in violation of this Ordinance. The citation shall be prepared in duplicate and shall contain the name and address of the alleged violator, if known, the offense charged, and shall direct him/her to appear in the Municipal Court on the date shown on the citation for which the date shall not be less than 3 days nor more than 5 days from the date the citation was issued. The alleged violator shall be served a copy of the citation. Service of the citation shall be complete upon delivery of the citation to the alleged violator, to an agent or employee of the violator, or to a person over 14 years of age who is a member of the violator's immediate family or is a resident of the violator's residence. The alleged violator shall appear in municipal court to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty for the violation of this Plan. If the alleged violator fails to appear in municipal court a warrant for his/her arrest may be issued. A summons to appear may be issued in lieu of an arrest warrant. These cases shall be expedited and given preferential setting in municipal court before all other cases.

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Stage 5 Response – CRITICAL Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 20 percent reduction in total water use.

- (a) Irrigation of landscaped are is prohibited.
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.
- (c) The filling, refilling, or adding of water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited.
- (d) Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- (e) No application for new, additional, expanded, or increased-in size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains or water service facilities of any kind shall be approved, and time limits for approval of such applications are hereby suspended for such time as this drought responses stage or a higher-numbered stage shall be in effect.
- (f) Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Florence.
- (g) Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated water days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the City of Florence, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations.

- (h) All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
- (i) The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
 - a. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas;
 - b. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - c. Use of water for dust control;
 - d. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
 - e. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

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- (b) Any person who violates this plan is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon convictions shall be punished by fine or not less than ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and not more than TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2000.00). Each day that one or more of the provisions in this plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more distinct violations of this Plan, the Water Department shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connections charge, hereby established at \$40.00, and any other costs incurred by the City of Florence in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the City of Florence that the same action shall not be repeated while this Plan is in effect. Compliance with this Plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

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