

Harris County MUD No. 238 - Drought Contingency Plan Summary Chart*

	Initiation (Triggering Event)	Limitations	Exceptions	Penalties
<p>Stage 1 Moderate Water Shortage (Voluntary)</p>	<p>Avg. well run time = 18+ hours for 3 consecutive days</p>	<p><u>Even numbered addresses and common areas</u> --- should limit irrigation to Sundays/Thursdays between 8:00pm and 6:00am <i>and</i> <u>Odd numbered addresses</u> --- should limit irrigation to Saturdays/Wednesdays between 8:00pm and 6:00am <i>and</i> <u>Other non-essential water uses</u> (e.g., any use not required for public health/safety) --- should be minimized or discontinued</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Stage 2 Severe Water Shortage (Mandatory)</p>	<p>Avg. well run time = 20+ hours for 3 consecutive days</p>	<p><u>Even numbered addresses and common areas</u> --- limit irrigation to Sundays/Thursdays between 8:00pm and 6:00am <i>and</i> <u>Odd numbered addresses</u> --- limit irrigation to Saturdays/Wednesdays between 8:00pm and 6:00am <i>and</i> <u>Vehicle washing</u> --- limit to designated days (same as above) between 8:00pm and 6:00am and <i>only</i> by hand-held bucket or hand-held hose with shutoff valve for quick rinses <i>and</i> <u>Aesthetic Water Uses</u> (e.g., lakes, pools, hot tubs, water gardens) --- limit filling/refilling to designated days (same as above) between 8:00pm and 6:00am <i>and</i> <u>Ornamental fountain or pond</u> --- use prohibited <i>and</i> <u>Hydrants</u> --- used prohibited unless for fire fighting or related activities necessary for public health/safety <i>and</i> <u>Restaurants</u> --- not serve water to patrons unless requested <i>and</i> <u>Other non-essential water uses</u> --- prohibited</p>	<p><u>Irrigation</u> --- allowed anytime if from hand-held hose, faucet-filled bucket or watering can of 5 gallons or less <i>and</i> <u>Vehicle washing</u> --- allowed if at commercial car wash or service station or otherwise required for public health/safety <i>and</i> <u>Ornamental fountain</u> --- may be used if necessary to support aquatic life or equipped with recirculation system <i>and</i> <u>Hydrants</u> --- may be used for construction under special permit from District</p>	<p><u>First violation</u> --- Written notification stating date and nature, drought stage and restrictions in effect, and penalties applicable for further violation <i>and</i> <u>Subsequent violations</u> --- 2nd = \$50 fine; 3rd = \$250 fine; 4th = \$500; 5th+ = \$2,500-\$5,000 (all must be paid within 2 business days to avoid water termination; 3+ violations automatically subject customer to water termination)</p>
<p>Stage 3 Emergency Water Shortage (Mandatory)</p>	<p>Avg. well run time = 22+ hours for 3 consecutive days; <i>or</i> Major water line break or mechanical/power failure for extended period; <i>or</i> Water plant/system failure which reduces pressure < 25 psi</p>	<p><u>Even numbered addresses and common areas</u> --- limit irrigation to Sundays/Thursdays between 10:00pm and 6:00am and <i>only</i> by hand-held hose, hand-held bucket or drip irrigation <i>and</i> <u>Odd numbered addresses</u> --- limit irrigation to Saturdays/Wednesdays between 8:00pm and 6:00am and <i>only</i> by hand-held hose, hand-held bucket or drip irrigation <i>and</i> <u>Vehicle washing</u> --- prohibited <i>and</i> <u>Aesthetic Water Uses</u> (e.g., lakes, pools, hot tubs, water gardens) --- prohibited <i>and</i> <u>Ornamental fountain or pond</u> --- use prohibited <i>and</i> <u>Hydrants</u> --- use prohibited unless for fire fighting or related activities necessary for public health/safety <i>and</i> <u>Restaurants</u> --- not serve water to patrons unless requested <i>and</i> <u>Other non-essential water uses</u> --- prohibited <i>and</i> <u>New, additional, expanded or increased-in-size taps, meters, water lines or other water facilities</u> --- prohibited</p>	<p><u>Vehicle washing</u> --- allowed if at commercial car wash or service station between 9:00am and 2:00pm and between 8:00pm and 2:00am <i>and</i> <u>Ornamental fountain</u> --- may be used if necessary to support aquatic life or equipped with recirculation system <i>and</i> <u>Hydrants</u> --- may be used for construction under special permit from District</p>	<p><u>First violation</u> --- written notification stating date and nature, drought stage and restrictions in effect, and penalties applicable for further violation <i>and</i> <u>Subsequent violations</u> --- 2nd = \$50 fine; 3rd = \$250 fine; 4th = \$500; 5th+ = \$2,500-\$5,000 (all must be paid within 2 business days to avoid water termination; 3+ violations automatically subject customer to water termination) <i>and</i> <u>Water rates</u> --- shall be imposed at 2x usual rate for any monthly water used above allocation (which allocation is based on average monthly usage for prior 12-months)</p>

* Includes information applicable to Retail Water Customers (e.g., standard residential, commercial, governmental and non-profit customers) but not Wholesale Water Customers. Similarly, chart does not include certain requirements imposed on District Operator or requirements for termination of drought stages.