

# Stage 3 Drought Conditions

**The City of Taft has entered Stage 3 drought conditions. The following restrictions shall be in place till further notice.**

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Thursdays for customers with a street address north of US Highway 181 and Tuesdays for water customers with a street address south of US Highway 181, 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 and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently install automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.

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 8:00p.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.

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.

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.

Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that the use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes shall be discontinued.

All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request of the patron.

The watering of golf course tees is prohibited unless the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provide by the City of Taft.

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 the purposes other than immediate fire protections;
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).