

**REVISED MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS
STAGE 3 DROUGHT DECLARATIONS
York County**

Effective Wednesday, October 1, 2008

LAWN and LANDSCAPE WATERING

- ▶ Outdoor water use will be permitted **TWO DAYS PER WEEK**, staggered according to address. This includes filling pools and pressure washing.

Odd-numbered addresses, Tuesdays and Saturdays
Even-numbered addresses, Thursday and Sundays

- ▶ Customers running remote sprinklers or irrigation outside of designated watering day will be cited.
- ▶ Customers may use hand-held watering containers (watering cans, buckets, etc.) and hoses with spray nozzles to water plants, shrubs, flowers, containers, gardens and lawns, at any time of the day, any day of the week. Watering in the early morning or late at night is best to avoid any possible evaporation. Use of low-volume sprayers is strongly encouraged.
- ▶ Commercial landscape nurseries using York County's water supply are allowed to water as necessary to keep their stock of plants alive. These businesses are strongly encouraged to water with conservation in mind.

NEW LANDSCAPE/LAWN RENEWAL

Customers are strongly discouraged from planting new sod and are strongly encouraged to postpone planting of ALL new shrubs, flowers, trees, gardens and other landscaping until drought conditions subside. Aerating and overseeding of established/existing lawns is strongly discouraged. If customers have already seeded their lawns, they are allowed to water only on their designated days and hand-water on other days. No exceptions will be made during a Stage 3 drought.

WATER RUNOFF

Water runoff is strictly prohibited. This applies to both irrigation and hand watering. Watering pavement and sidewalks is a wasteful use of a precious resource during such a critical water shortage.

HYDRANT PERMITS

Customers applying for new hydrant permits must apply for a variance from the water restrictions. Existing hydrant permit holders may continue to draw water from designated locations.

VEHICLE WASHING

Washing automobiles, boats, watercraft or other vehicles is allowed two (2) days each week using the same schedule listed above for watering.

PRESSURE WASHING AND CLEANING OF BUILDINGS, ETC.

Pressure washing businesses that use their own water tank, with water supplied from an alternate source such as a well, may operate in York County during a Stage 3 drought. Street and pavement cleaning businesses with valid York County hydrant permits may operate during a Stage 3 drought. During this critical water shortage, customers are encouraged to postpone home improvement or other projects that may require pressure washing.

ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS OR OTHER DECORATIVE WATER BODIES

Customers should eliminate the use of water to maintain ornamental fountains, artificial waterfalls, reflection pools and decorative water bodies for aesthetic or scenic purposes, except for the minimum amount of make-up water necessary to support aquatic life.

SWIMMING POOLS

Customers are allowed to fill swimming pools two (2) days each week on the same schedule listed above for watering.

For questions about these STAGE 3 water restrictions, York County's customers may call our water hotline at (803) 628-2919. Thank you for your participation in preserving this most precious and limited natural resource.