



Outdoor Water Use Guidelines

Per Georgia EPD Rule 391-3-30

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6/22/15 - The State of Georgia currently is in a “non-drought” situation.

Persons may use water in the landscape as follows:

You may water the lawn or landscape any day of the week between **4 pm and 10 am** for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants.

Outdoor water use for any purposes other than watering of plants, such as power washing or washing cars, is still restricted to the current odd/even watering schedule.

- Odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses are allowed to water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

During non-drought periods, these additional outdoor water uses are allowed with no limit on time of day or hours:

- Irrigation of **new and replanted** plant, seed, or turf in landscapes, golf courses, or sports turf fields **during installation and for a period of 30 days immediately following the date of installation**
- Irrigation of personal food gardens
- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses
- Hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container
- Use of water withdrawn from private water wells or surface water (lakes, ponds, streams) by an owner or operator of property if such well or surface water is on said property (this type of water can be used with automatic irrigation system, sprinklers or other methods of application)
- Irrigation of horticultural crops held for sale, resale, or installation
- Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas
- Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems
- Hydroseeding
- Commercial agricultural operations
- Capture and reuse of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances and state guidelines;
- Reuse of gray water in compliance with applicable local board of health regulations
- Use of reclaimed waste water by a designated user from a system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division of the department to provide reclaimed waste

* This information will be updated if the State of Georgia EPD declares new drought levels and rules. Currently EPD lists variances granted to these rules for 8 cities/counties (dated 2011-2013). We are confirming this information and will provide updates as soon as possible.

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