

## **STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS - Frequently Asked Questions**

**Beginning Monday, July 25th, citations for not following Stage 1 water restrictions will be issued. Citations could result in fines up to \$500 per violation per day. Enforcement will include nights and weekends.**

### **1) Who do Stage 1 Water Restrictions apply to?**

Restrictions apply to all city of Corpus Christi residents, including homeowners, apartment buildings, city facilities, commercial businesses, and industry.

### **2) When and what times of the day can I water?**

**Watering with irrigation or sprinklers allowed one day per week on your trash day with no watering on that day between 10:00am - 6:00pm. Beginning Monday, July 25th, citations for not following Stage 1 water restrictions will be issued. Citations could result in fines up to \$500 per violation per day. Enforcement will include nights and weekends.**

Watering with a hand-held hose with a shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or drip irrigation system allowed on any day at any time.

### **3) Can I wash my car?**

Yes, there are no restrictions to washing your car in your driveway. If you wash your car at home, use a shut-off nozzle that can be adjusted or use water from a bucket. Do not let the water run into the street and storm drains.

### **4) What about commercial car washes?**

Commercial car washes are not restricted at this time.

### **5) Can I use kiddie pools or rent water slides at my house?**

Yes, there are no restrictions on kiddie pools and other water activities within the home. Use best practices to ensure you are conserving water whenever and wherever possible.

### **6) Can I fill my pool?**

Yes, there are no restrictions on filling pools. We encourage residents to cover pools when not in use to reduce water loss due to evaporation.

### **7) Are there exceptions to the restrictions?**

Yes, exceptions for this restriction may be permitted, upon review and approval by the Executive Director of Corpus Christi Water or designee, for the following uses: new plantings (for up to 60 days), vegetable gardens, athletic playing fields, and botanical gardens. Visit [cctexas.com/conserve](http://cctexas.com/conserve) and click on Request for Exemptions.

### **8) What if I have a water well?**

These restrictions do not apply to customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system.

### **9) What is grey water, and can I use it?**

Grey water is water that has already been used, typically produced from washing machines, bathtubs, or sinks. There are no restrictions on the use of grey water within the home.

### **10) What are the consequences of not following Stage 1 Water Restrictions?**

**A violation is a Class C misdemeanor. Beginning Monday, July 25th, citations for not following Stage 1 water restrictions will be issued. Citations could result in fines up to \$500 per violation per day. Enforcement will include nights and weekends.**

### **11) What about industry?**

Some industry and commercial businesses may not use City trash pickup, but they must follow the same guidelines as residents: Watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed once per week on the City's designated trash pickup day\*\*. On that day, no watering between 10:00am and 6:00pm is allowed.

\*\*If you are a commercial business and need to know what trash zone you are in, please visit Trash Zones Interactive Map at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/yuswszyc>.

**To report a water violation, please call 311**