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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The City of Norman is reminding its customers of the “Moderate (Mandatory) Conservation” that was instituted last week. As part of the mandatory conservation measures, there is no outdoor watering or irrigation on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** of each week. Hand watering gardens/plants/shrubs with a hose is allowed at any time.

It is important to adhere to these restrictions now. Without the requested action, the city will be forced to implement the next phase of mandatory conservation. This next phase of mandatory conservation is Stage III and limits yard and landscape watering to one day a week. We need to work together now to insure we all have the water we need for health and safety

As a reminder, the following regulations are now in place:

For Residential Customers:

- All outdoor watering or irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Odd/Even water restrictions (house addresses that end with an even number water on even numbered calendar days; house addresses that end with an odd number water on odd number calendar days) for irrigation purposes are required for all customers with NO watering on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Hand watering gardens/plants/shrubs with a hose is allowed at any time. The 31st day of the month is not included in the odd/even water rotation, but conservation is urged.
- Excess water run-off from any landscaped area onto streets is prohibited whether by design, maladjustment to sprinkler system, or usage during high winds.
- Washing of cars, trucks, trailers or other vehicles is prohibited unless these items are taken to a commercial carwash.
- Washing or hosing down of buildings, sidewalks, driveways, patios, porches, parking areas or any paved surface is prohibited.

For Commercial Customers:

- All residential watering and irrigation restrictions noted above apply.
- Developers and commercial enterprises must wait until the current water emergency has passed before establishing any new landscaping.

For the City of Norman:

- The City will follow the same watering conservation rules as the public.
- City splash pad operation hours will be reduced by 2 hours each day.
- Eliminate non-essential City water use (e.g. street cleaning, vehicle washing, flushing of water mains, fire hydrant testing, etc).

Additional information:

- The conservation measures apply to City of Norman water customers. Those residents with private wells are not subject to City of Norman's conservation rules.
- The Mandatory Conservation Stage will be lifted by notice from the City Manager's office. Notification will be in the newspaper and on the City web site.
- Violating or ignoring the Mandatory Conservation rules may result in enforcement action as set in the City of Norman Code of Ordinances 21-501. Violations are considered a misdemeanor and punishable with fines not less than \$50 or more than \$750 per violation.
- For more information about the Water Conservation Plan and to read the conservation plan in full, go to the City website
<http://www.normanok.gov/sites/default/files/Utilities/images/2011%20Water%20Conservation%20Plan.pdf>

For more information, please call the Action Center at 366-5396.