
Aquifer District Declares Stage II Alarm Drought

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On October 8, 2020, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's Board of Directors declared Stage II Alarm Drought at its regular Board Meeting. The District Lovelady Monitor Well passed below its respective drought trigger in late September. Only one of the two drought stage triggers needs to be reached for a drought declaration to be made. The District acknowledges that indoor use may be heightened in some cases due to COVID-19 responses, however it is still a shared duty to reduce all non-essential water use during drought.

The last groundwater drought declaration commenced on July 12, 2018 and ended on October 11, 2018. Recharge in late 2018 and early 2019 associated with above-average rainfall helped maintain water levels in area aquifers until recently. Since July of 2019, both flow at Barton Springs and the water level at the Lovelady monitor well have been declining. As of early April 2020, both have been hovering near trigger levels. Recent rainfall has not generated enough runoff to sustain creek flow in the creeks and rivers that recharge the aquifers.

Declaration of Stage II Alarm Drought requires all District permittees to implement mandatory measures specified in their User Drought Contingency Plans (UDCPs) to meet monthly pumpage reduction requirements.

Goforth SUD Customers:

1. Please limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to twice a week before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 pm. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat trailer, airplane or other vehicle to twice a week before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 pm. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools or a jacuzzi-type pool to twice a week before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 pm.

Thank you!

Top Tips For Saving Water

- **Fix leaks immediately!**
- **Only run dish washer when full**
- **Take short showers and save water**
- **A Slow Drip from a kitchen or bathroom faucet will waste 15 to 20 gals. of water a day.**
- **Buy 1.0 gpm shower heads**
- **A leaking commode will waste up to 100 gals. of water per day.**