



Lewiston Community Services District

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PUPROSE: To establish a water conservation and drought emergency plan to equitably distribute the available water to the customers and to ensure an adequate supply for human consumption, sanitation and fire protection.

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DEFINITION OF WATER WASTE

The following is from Section 18 of the Rules and Regulations (Water Waste), whereas the Board of Directors of the Lewiston Community Services District (LCSD or District) has agreed that the following shall be defined as water waste:

1. Leaks

(a) Failing to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve or broken pipes; and

2. Irrigation

(b) Operating a permanently installed irrigation system with: a broken head, a head that is out of adjustment where the arc of the spray head is over the street, parking area, or other impervious surface; watering on days with high winds; and

(c) During irrigation: allowing water to run off a property such that there is a trail of water running in a street, parking area, or other impervious surface; allowing water to pool to a depth of greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in a street, parking area, or other impervious surface; and

3. Pools

(d) Draining and refilling of swimming pools without written permission of the Water District (see also Section 25 of the Rules and Regulations).

4. Washing Vehicles

(e) Washing vehicles on a street, parking area, or other impervious surface area, or in such a manner that there is a trail of water running in the street.

STAGE I

VOLUNTEER CONSERVATION

Volunteer Conservation Program – Minimum reductions by customers to enable the District to reduce the stress on the wells and/or the surface water treatment plant (Trinity River).

- A. Notification to customers by direct mailing, newsletters, door-to-door flyers, press releases and public meetings, etc. that a drought condition exists, and that the District must reduce its water consumption.
- B. Provide educational literature for conservation practices regarding waste, over-watering, leaks, etc. Provide information and assistance to customers on how to read their meters (for those that have meters installed) and how to monitor their usage.
- C. Encourage everyone to postpone landscaping and/or to utilize native plants or other water conserving vegetation. New homes should delay landscaping plans until drought conditions are lifted.
- D. Encourage the use of efficient landscaping systems (drip, timers on sprinklers, etc.). Encourage evening and early morning watering to reduce evaporation.
- E. Discourage and/or delay the installation, the emptying and refilling of swimming pools, ponds, etc.
- F. Encourage customers to utilize car washes instead of washing cars at home. If cars are washed at home, it is *highly* recommended to wash the vehicle on the lawn *and* to have a shut-off nozzle on the hose. This also applies to motorbikes, boats, and trailers.

STAGE II MANDATORY - MILD PROGRAM

Mandatory-Mild Conservation Program – Mild reductions by customers to enable the District to reduce the stress on the wells and/or surface water treatment plant (Trinity River).

NOTE: All Stage I (A through F) requirements apply, plus the following:

- A. All customers are prohibited from the following:
 - 1. The application of potable water to any driveway or sidewalk or other impervious surface.
 - 2. Using potable water to irrigate outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures, or in such a manner that there is a trail of water in the street.
 - 3. Using a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle. If a customer wishes to wash their vehicle at a residence it must be on a lawn. This also applies to motorbikes, boats, and trailers.
 - 4. Using potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated. Recycled water is not mandated, but encouraged for fountain use.
 - 5. Irrigation of outdoor landscaping more than three days per week and only between the hours of 6pm and 9am to prevent evaporation.
 - 6. Outdoor irrigation within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
- B. All customers are encouraged to find and fix any leaks (indoor and outdoor) and repair any broken irrigation systems or sprinkler heads. Customers are encouraged to reach out to District staff for assistance in detecting leaks.

STAGE III MANDATORY – MODERATE PROGRAM

Mandatory-Moderate Conservation Program – Moderate reductions by customers required in order for the District to meet demand. During this stage the wells will be extremely stressed; the District must be in compliance with its water right usage for the Trinity River.

NOTE: All Stage I and II (A through H) requirements apply, unless Stage III prohibits previous item(s) entirely. The following must be adhered to:

- A. All customers are prohibited from the following:
 - 1. Irrigating outdoor landscaping more than twice per week and only between the hours of 6pm and 9am.
 - 2. New installations or refilling of swimming pools.

- B. Customers are required to fix any leaks (indoor and outdoor) and any broken irrigation systems or sprinkler heads. Customers are encouraged to reach out to District staff for assistance in detecting leaks.

STAGE IV MANDATORY – EXTREME REDUCTIONS

Mandatory-Extreme Conservation Program – Extreme reductions by customers required. The District cannot meet demand with either well production and/or Trinity River production.

NOTE: All Stage I, II and III (A through L) requirements apply, unless Stage IV prohibits previous item(s) entirely. The following must be adhered to:

- A. All customers are strictly prohibited from the following:
 - 1. Outdoor irrigation of any kind.
 - 2. Installation or refilling of swimming pools.
 - 3. Washing of vehicles at any residence (even on lawns). All vehicles should be taken to a car wash. This also applies to motorbikes, boats, and trailers.

- B. Customers are required to fix any leaks (indoor and outdoor) and any broken irrigation systems or sprinkler heads. Customers are encouraged to reach out to District staff for assistance in detecting leaks. Failure to repair known leaks may result in additional penalties.

STAGE V MANDATORY – CRITICAL REDUCTIONS

Mandatory-Critical Conservation Program – Rationing of water by customers is required. One or more water sources have failed (i.e. multiple or all wells are non-operational and the District must solely rely on the Trinity River; or the District can no longer utilize the Trinity River).

NOTE: All Stage I, II, III, and IV (A through O) requirements apply, unless Stage V prohibits previous item(s) entirely. The following must be adhered to:

- A. All customers are prohibited from using water outdoors in any manner.
- B. Rationing of water use by customers may be instituted at the Board's discretion.
 - 1. While on a flat rate structure, rationing of water use is an absolute last resort. This poses threats to the viability of the distribution system. If rationing is instituted by the Board, all customers are required to abide by the Resolution.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Any customer who willfully neglects to adhere to the provisions in Stages II through V will be issued a written warning and automatically referred to the District's Board of Directors for corrective action necessary to insure compliance. Those actions include, but are not limited to:

1. The District may cause a flow-restrictor be placed on the service valve.
2. The District may cause water service to be disconnected.
3. The District may cause a lien to be recorded against the property.

EXCEPTIONS AND/OR VARIANCES

For hardship cases only, variances may be granted from any of the above regulations upon application in writing stating, in detail, the circumstances warranting special consideration. Any variance request must be approved by the Board of Directors. It must be recognized that due to the water shortage emergency, the District has limited ability to grant exceptions and/or variances to the Water Conservation Drought Contingency Plan.

TAMPERING IS A FELONY

Tampering with a water system is a felony punishable with up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$1 million in fines.

The Board and staff of the Lewiston Community Services District appreciate your efforts in working together to conserve the community's water sources.