



Amending the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan

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Objectives

- Bring clarity to the plans
- Enhance the water conservation program by adding best management practices
- Strengthen drought measures to reach goals for reduction
- Add Lake Texana level for a trigger point at Stage 1-Voluntary
- Reduce overall demand of water
- TCEQ requirement



Outreach

- **Presented proposed changes and received feedback from the following stakeholders through meetings, conferences, and events:**
 - Regional Customers, including their city customers
 - Water Resource Advisory Committee
 - City departments
 - General public
 - Commercial and industrial customers



Key Difference

- **Separation of Water Conservation Plan (WCP) and Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) into two documents because:**
 - Water Conservation is a comprehensive plan to reduce consumption through education and BMP's to meet goals.
 - Drought Contingency measures are temporary and inconvenient measures used during drought critical periods to reduce demand

What's different in WCP

Year-Round Best Management Practices Include:

- **Irrigation by spray or sprinklers only permitted before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.**
 - Irrigation by hand or drip irrigation permitted at any time of day





What's Different in WCP

Prohibition on Wasting Water is year-round. No person shall:

- **Allow water to run off property into gutter or streets**
- **Permit or maintain defective plumbing**
- **Allow water to flow constantly through a tap, hydrant, valve, etc.**
- **Use of any non-recycling decorative fountain**
- **Allow irrigation head or sprinklers to spray directly on paved surfaces**
- **Operate an irrigation system at water pressure higher than recommended**

What's Different in Conservation Plan

- **Proposed programs to be developed**
 - Irrigation education and consultations
 - Rainwater harvesting
 - Review and revise development code for turf requirement



Drought Contingency Plan

Four Basic Categories

- **Discretionary outdoor**
- **Recreational**
- **Commercial Enterprise**
- **Public Health and Safety**





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Drought Response Stages

Drought Stage Response	Reservoir Storage Level	Target Demand Reduction Levels
Stage 1- Mild	<50% or if Lake Texana is <40%	5%
Stage 2- Moderate	<40%	10%
Stage 3- Severe	<30%	15%
Stage 4- Critical	<20%	30%
Stage 5- Emergency	Not Applicable	50%



What's Different in DCP

Stage 1: (Combined Lake Levels or Lake Texana are below 50%)

Current Plan

- Voluntary
- No irrigation between 10 am and 6 pm
- Watering still permitted by hand or drip irrigation
- No water waste

Proposed Plan

- Voluntary
- Irrigation limited to once per week
- Watering still permitted by hand or drip irrigation
- No water waste



What's Different in DCP

Stage 2: (Lake Levels are below 40%)

Current Plan

- Mandatory
- No irrigation between 10 am and 6 pm
- Watering still permitted by hand or drip irrigation
- No water waste
- Optional measures*

Proposed Plan

- Mandatory
- Irrigation limited to once per week
- Watering still permitted by hand or drip irrigation
- Car washing limited to watering day (except at commercial facilities)
- Pool/pond filling limited to watering day
- No use of fountains/waterfalls
- Water for foundation on watering day



What's Different in DCP

Stage 2: (Lake Levels are below 40%)

Proposed Plan continued

- Use of hydrants limited to firefighting or activities necessary for public health and safety (construction may obtain special permit)
- Non-essential water uses are prohibited (certain exemptions may be permitted):
 - Wash-down of any sidewalks
 - Washing buildings
 - Water for dust control
 - Flushing gutters and/or streets
 - Failure to control leaks



What's Different in DCP

Stage 3: (Lake Levels are below 30%)

Current Plan

- Mandatory
- Irrigation limited to once every five days
- Watering still permitted by hand or drip irrigation
- No water waste
- Optional measures*

Proposed Plan

- Mandatory
- Stage 2 measures continue and;
- Irrigation limited to once every other week
- Irrigation of golf course fairways prohibited
- Water from hydrants for construction under special permit is discontinued (this measure is at discretion of CM)



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What's Different in DCP

Stage 4: (Lake Levels are below 20%)

Customer Category	Current Plan	Proposed Plan
Residential	Allocation: 6,000 – 12,000 gallons per month	Demand Charge
Multi-unit	Allocation: 6,000 per dwelling unit	Demand Charge
Commercial and Institutional	Allocation: 75% usage of corresponding month in previous year	Allocation: 90% usage of corresponding month in previous year
Industrial	Allocation: 90% usage of 36 month average	Allocation: 90% usage of corresponding month in previous year



What's Different in DCP

Current Surcharges – For Residential Customers

- \$5.00 for each 1,000 gallons over allocation to 1,000 gallons
- \$8.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons up to the second 1,000 gallons
- \$16.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons up to the third 1,000 gallons
- \$40.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons over allocation



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What's Different in DCP

Proposed Surcharges - For Residential Customers

Gallons Used per Household	Stage 1 & 2 Monthly Water Bill	100% increase	
2,500	\$12.95	\$25.89	100.00%
3,000	\$15.46	\$30.92	100.00%
4709*	\$24.05	\$48.11	100.00%
5,000	\$25.52	\$51.03	100.00%
7,500	\$34.44	\$68.87	100.00%
10,000	\$54.83	\$109.66	100.00%
12,500	\$71.96	\$143.92	100.00%
15,000	\$89.09	\$178.19	100.00%



What's Different in DCP

Proposed Surcharges – For Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Customers

- **Monthly allocation is 90% of usage in corresponding month prior to Stage 2 implementation**
- **Surcharges for use over the allocation are the same as the current plan**



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Waivers and Exemptions

- Will be reviewed by committee and permit will be assigned
- Exemptions include new plantings, vegetable gardens, athletic fields, botanical gardens, water wells, aerobic septic systems
- Permit must be located within two feet of street address number

Permit # _____

WATER USE PERMIT
By the Corpus Christi Department of Water
2726 Holly Road Corpus Christi, TX 78415
361-826-1600 E-mail: drought@cctexas.com

Effective from ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____

For the following address: _____

Type of exemption: _____

Water May be Used:
Day(s) of Week _____ Hours of Day _____ For Duration of _____
Using the following method: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Post Prominently)

Enforcement: Penalty for restriction violation the same as current plan:
\$500 maximum per violation



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Questions?

