

# Ordinance Approving Policies to be Implemented During Level 1 Water Emergency – Second Reading

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# Level 1 Water Emergency Baseline Usage, Curtailment, and Allocations

## Definitions

- **Level 1 Water Emergency:** Initiated when the City reaches 180-days from when the total water supply is not enough to meet the total water demand
- **Baseline Usage:** The determined water usage of each customer class to establish its allocation
- **Curtailment:** Required water reduction of water supplies to all customers to meet water demand
  - **Curtailment is set at 25%**
- **Allocations:** The amount of water a customer may use per month during Level 1 Water Emergency
- **Baseline – Curtailment % = Allocation**

# Level 1 Water Emergency Ordinance Background – First Reading

During the Corpus Christi City Council meeting on May 12, 2026, the Council approved a first reading of amendments to the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and City Code of Ordinances Chapter 55, Article XII Water Resources Management, to establish baseline methodologies and curtailment percentage to determine water allocations during a Level 1 Water Emergency.



Presented at March 31 workshop, April 21 workshop, April 28, May 12, and May 19.

# Level 1 Water Emergency Ordinance Background – First Reading

- Curtailment for all customer classes is 25%
- Baseline use for residential customers is 8,000 gallons per month
- Allocation for residential customers is 6,000 gallons per month
- Baseline use for commercial, wholesale, and large volume customers will be calculated individually
- Allocation for commercial, wholesale, and large volume customers will be calculated individually
- Optional surcharges were proposed and will be voted on under a separate resolution



# Baseline Water Use and Curtailment Percent for CCW Commercial Customers UNDER LEVEL 1 WATER EMERGENCY

- For CCW commercial customers, water use baseline is based on the average of the account's monthly usages during 2021 through 2023, excluding the lowest monthly value for each calendar month
- Implemented at Level 1 Water Emergency
- During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the curtailment percentage is 25%



# Baseline Water Use and Curtailment Percent for CCW Wholesale Customers UNDER LEVEL 1 WATER EMERGENCY

- Summer, Spring/Fall, and Winter seasonal baselines for each CCW wholesale customer accounts are determined using the average of the account's monthly usages from 2022 through 2024 as follows, excluding the lowest monthly value for each calendar month:
  - Summer: Average of monthly usages from June-September
  - Spring/Fall: Average of monthly usages from April-May and October-November
  - Winter: Average of monthly usages from January-March and December
- Implemented at Level 1 Water Emergency
- During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the curtailment percentage is 25%



# Baseline Water Use and Curtailment Percent for CCW Large Volume Customers UNDER LEVEL 1 WATER EMERGENCY

- Summer, Spring/Fall, and Winter seasonal baselines for each CCW large volume customer accounts are determined using the average of the account's monthly usages from 2022 through 2024 as follows, excluding the lowest monthly value for each calendar month:
  - Summer: Average of monthly usages from June-September
  - Spring/Fall: Average of monthly usages from April-May and October-November
  - Winter: Average of monthly usages from January-March and December
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# Additional Ordinance Amendments - Multifamily

- The historical years for establishing the baseline will be 2023 – 2025, with the lowest value of each month removed to determine the average for the baseline
- CCW will review the baseline for the period before the projected date of the Level One Water Emergency (estimated to be December 2026) to ensure appropriate baselines are assigned
  - If baselines are not appropriate, CCW will work directly with the owner or owner's representative of the unit to modify and approve the revised baseline
- Additional information sessions would be scheduled to provide an opportunity for CCW staff to answer questions and review the process

# Additional Ordinance Amendments

- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, or other vehicle, not occurring on the premises of a commercial car wash station, is allowed on any day **if washing using a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle** or a five (5) gallon bucket or smaller
  - Washing restrictions apply to the CCW water system
  - Alternate water sources (e.g., captured water or well water) may be used
- Drip irrigation **or soaker hoses** for foundations and landscaped beds are allowed every other week on the designated watering schedule
- Removal of the last sentence sections 8.5 and 16.7 (e) of the DCP

# COMMUNITY WATER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Event	Date
District 5	June 3
District 3	June 24
District 4	July 15
District 1 (Calallen)	August 6
District 1	August 26
District 2	September 16





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