

# Year - Round Water Conservation Rules

*In effect at all times unless replaced by more stringent Drought Response Stage measures.*

- ◆ Waste of water is prohibited at all times.
- ◆ Irrigation with hose-end sprinklers and automatic sprinkler irrigation systems is prohibited during daytime hours between **10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**
- ◆ Charity car washes are prohibited at all times unless held at a certified commercial car wash.
- ◆ Non-commercial vehicle washing must be done using a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff device.
- ◆ Operation of non-recirculating decorative water features prohibited at all times.

## What if I break the Year-Round Water Conservation or Drought Response Rules?

- ◆ You may be charged with a misdemeanor. If convicted you could be fined \$100—\$2,000 per violation per day.
- ◆ You may be assessed civil penalties up to \$1,000 per violation per day.
- ◆ Your water service may be restricted. The City may install a flow restrictor on your water meter or may suspend your water service.

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## What Triggers a Drought Response Stage?

Drought Response Stages can be triggered by either the aquifer level or by spring flows.

	<u>Aquifer Level</u>	<u>San Marcos Spring Flow</u>	<u>Comal Spring Flow</u>
<b>Stage 1:</b>	< 660 ft.msl *	< 96 cfs**	< 225 cfs
<b>Stage 2:</b>	< 650 ft.msl	< 80 cfs	< 200 cfs
<b>Stage 3:</b>	< 640 ft.msl	< 65 cfs	< 150 cfs
<b>Stage 4:</b>	< 630 ft.msl	< 50 cfs	< 100 cfs

\* ft.msl—feet above mean sea level  
\*\* cfs—cubic feet per second

# City of San Marcos Water Conservation & Drought Response Rules



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Full text of rules are available on our website  
[www.sanmarcostx.gov/water](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/water)

# San Marcos Water Conservation & Drought Response Rules

Water is a precious resource in San Marcos. It provides tourism, recreation, habitat for endangered species, and drinking water for a rapidly growing population.

Unfortunately it is also a limited resource, especially during times of drought, which are common in central Texas. As our city continues to grow, our water supplies will continue to be stretched.

Wise use of our water resource is critical to the economic health and vitality of our city. It is necessary for each of us to do our part to conserve water, and by doing so ensure adequate water supplies both now and in the future.

**Thank you for doing your part to conserve our most valuable natural resource.**



<b>What is My Designated Week Day?</b>	
<b><u>Address Ending With:</u></b>	<b><u>Designated Day:</u></b>
<b>0 or 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>2 or 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>4 or 5</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>6 or 7</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>8 or 9</b>	<b>Friday</b>

	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>
<b>Waste of water</b>	Prohibited.		
<b>Irrigation with sprinklers</b>	Allowed one day per week on designated week day between midnight to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.	Allowed one day per week on designated week day between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.	Allowed one day every other week on designated week day between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.
<b>Irrigation of <i>new</i> landscapes with sprinklers</b>	Same as for existing landscapes unless a New Landscape Permit is granted by City Water Department.		
<b>Irrigation with hand-held bucket, hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip</b>	All allowed any day, any time.	Soaker hose and drip allowed one day per week on designated week day between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.	All allowed one day per week on designated week day between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.
<b>Irrigation of golf courses, athletic fields, &amp; commercial nurseries</b>	See complete text of rules at: <a href="http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/water">www.sanmarcostx.gov/water</a>		
<b>Vehicle washing</b>	At-home car washing allowed one day per week on designated week day.	At-home car washing allowed one day per week on designated week day between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.	At-home car washing prohibited. Commercial car washing prohibited except at certified commercial car wash.
<b>Swimming pools</b>	Outdoor pools must have at least 25% of surface area covered when not in use.	Filling new pools is prohibited.	Filling new and existing pools is prohibited.
<b>Decorative water features</b>	Filling new features prohibited.	Using outdoor features prohibited.	Using indoor and outdoor features prohibited.
<b>Washing impervious surfaces</b>	Prohibited unless required for health and safety.		
<b>Foundation watering</b>	Allowed any day, any time.	Allowed one day per week on designated week day between midnight to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight.	
<b>Other non-essential water uses</b>	Restaurants may serve water only on request. Reduction of all other non-essential uses required.	Restaurants may serve water only on request. All other non-essential water uses prohibited.	