

North Carolina Utilities Commission

Non-Essential Water Usage Restrictions

The North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council (DMAC) maintains a website on which the North Carolina portion of the United States Drought Monitor's drought severity map is displayed. This map showing the location and the severity of the drought is updated weekly. The DMAC urges implementation of drought response actions for all users located in or dependent on water resources derived from areas experiencing exceptional, extreme, severe, or moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

Based upon the DMAC's reclassification of the severity of the drought across the State, the recommended drought response actions, and the comments submitted by the parties, the Commission finds and concludes by Order issued May 23, 2008, that it is appropriate to relax some of its existing restrictions depending upon the drought severity classification applicable to specific areas (the Commission-regulated water systems located within a particular area composed of specific counties will be subject to the water restrictions as defined by the Commission below). The level of restrictions applicable to a particular county will vary as the DMAC drought severity map classifications change from week to week every Thursday. For this purpose, the official drought severity classification for each county will be designated in accordance with DMAC's placement of each county in its listing for "Counties Under Current Advisory." The entire county is designated under a single classification which is based upon the highest level of drought severity applicable to any portion of the county in question.

Normal Conditions

(No drought classification – counties that are completely white on DMAC's map)

Voluntary odd-even spray irrigation three days per week:

Odd addresses:	Tuesday 10 p.m. to Wednesday 4 a.m. Thursday 10 p.m. to Friday 4 a.m. Saturday 10 p.m. to Sunday 4 a.m.
Even addresses:	Wednesday 10 p.m. to Thursday 4 a.m. Friday 10 p.m. to Saturday 4 a.m. Sunday 10 p.m. to Monday 4 a.m.

Handheld use of a container or hose to water flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetable gardens is allowable at anytime.

Car washing is allowable at anytime.

Filling of swimming pools or topping-off pools is allowable at anytime.

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D0 Abnormally Dry **(Yellow on DMAC map)**

Mandatory odd-even spray irrigation three days per week:

Odd addresses:	Tuesday 10 p.m. to Wednesday 4 a.m. Thursday 10 p.m. to Friday 4 a.m. Saturday 10 p.m. to Sunday 4 a.m.
Even addresses:	Wednesday 10 p.m. to Thursday 4 a.m. Friday 10 p.m. to Saturday 4 a.m. Sunday 10 p.m. to Monday 4 a.m.

Handheld use of a container or hose to water flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetable gardens is allowable at anytime.

Car washing is allowable at anytime.

Filling of swimming pools or topping-off pools is allowable at anytime.

D1 Moderate Drought **(Beige on DMAC map)**

Mandatory odd-even spray irrigation two days per week:

Odd addresses:	Tuesday 10 p.m. to Wednesday 4 a.m. Thursday 10 p.m. to Friday 4 a.m.
Even addresses:	Wednesday 10 p.m. to Thursday 4 a.m. Friday 10 p.m. to Saturday 4 a.m.

Handheld use of a container or hose to water flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetable gardens is allowable at anytime.

Car washing is allowable at anytime.

Filling of swimming pools or topping-off pools is allowable at anytime.

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D2 Severe Drought **(Light Orange on DMAC map)**

Mandatory odd-even spray irrigation two days per week:

Odd addresses: Tuesday 10 p.m. to Wednesday 1 a.m.
Thursday 10 p.m. to Friday 1 a.m.
Even addresses: Wednesday 10 p.m. to Thursday 1 a.m.
Friday 10 p.m. to Saturday 1 a.m.

Handheld use of a container or hose to water flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetable gardens is allowable on any day (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.).

Car washing – odd addresses on Saturday/even addresses on Sunday.

No filling of swimming pools - Topping-off pools only 12 inches per week.

D3 Extreme Drought **(Red on DMAC map)**

Mandatory odd-even spray irrigation one day per week:

Odd addresses: Tuesday 10 p.m. to Wednesday 1 a.m.
Even addresses: Wednesday 10 p.m. to Thursday 1 a.m.

Handheld use of a container or hose to water flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetable gardens is allowable on any day (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.).

Car washing – odd addresses on Saturday/even addresses on Sunday.

No filling of swimming pools – No topping-off pools.

D4 Exceptional Drought **(Burgundy on DMAC map)**

No spray irrigation.

Handheld use of a container or hose to water flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetable gardens is allowable on any day (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.).

No car washing.

No filling of swimming pools – No topping-off pools.