

STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

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WHY WAS A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE ENACTED?

Stage 2 Water Shortage was enacted in 2020 when Pitkin County reached 'Extreme Drought Conditions' according to the US Drought Monitor. Local streams have since been running lower than their median flows on a consistent basis and Pitkin County and the surrounding areas are still in drought. The Stage 2 Water Shortage is an ongoing effort to conserve water communitywide. As our water supply is solely from local streams, we must all work to conserve our shared resource as we continue to address drought conditions in 2022.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF A STAGE 2 WATER SHORTAGE?

The objective of water conservation measures during Stage 2 is a 15-20% reduction of current use systemwide and 15-25% reduction in outdoor use.

WHAT LANDSCAPING RULES NEED TO BE FOLLOWED?

- No watering of lawns, gardens, or plants between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except from a hand-held hose, container, or drip irrigation system.
- Use an even/odd watering schedule and only water on days matching house number.
- No washing of structures, sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas except for sanitary and health reasons. Any washing must follow Stage 2 Water Restrictions including washing before 9 am or after 5 pm.
- No refilling of swimming pools with water furnished by the City.
- Permitted landscape installations will be allowed if they comply with existing Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance standards and follow current Stage 2 Water Restrictions.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Check out our drought page at www.cityofaspen.com/drought. You can also call the Water Department at 970-920-5110 with questions or email watersave@cityofaspen.com.

