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Cleburne putting Stage Two Water Restrictions in place

CLEBURNE, TEXAS - The City of Cleburne is implementing Stage Two drought measures effective immediately.

"The extreme drought conditions coupled with restrictions enacted by state water regulators have required the city to begin an immediate implementation of water use restrictions for all Cleburne residents," Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director David Esquivel said.

Lake levels at Lake Pat Cleburne and Lake Aquilla remain fair at 75% capacity. However, the drought forecast does not show any relief coming soon.

Adding to the water shortage are restrictions set down by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The agency says it wants to protect what it calls "senior" water rights holders downstream on the Brazos River by restricting how much water can be taken out of lakes south of Possum Kingdom, including Lake Aquilla. The TCEQ ordered water shipments to "junior" rights holders, such as Cleburne, to be restricted.

Effective immediately the following restrictions on water use are in place for all customers including city facilities:

- Outdoor unattended / automated irrigation of landscape, shrubs, and grass is not allowed between the hours of 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Attended watering with a hose or bucket is not restricted.
- The following non-essential water use is also prohibited;
 - Washing windows, sidings, eaves, and roofs with a hose and without the use of a bucket.
 - Washing driveways, streets, curbs / gutters, and vehicles without a hose cutoff nozzle and bucket.
 - The draining and filling of swimming pools.
 - Flushing of city water systems.

"The city will continuously monitor water uses to ensure conservation of this vital resource," Esquivel said. "The stage two drought plans include a goal for water use reduction of 15 percent."

If these drought measures do not achieve the needed reduction in demand for potable water, Esquivel said the city will have to place additional limitations on outdoor water uses.

"Water conservation is critical to our getting through the drought without further restrictions on water use," Esquivel added.

Water saving tips are available at the [City of Cleburne website www.cleburne.net](http://www.cleburne.net); and water conservation literature is available at Cleburne City Hall, 10 N. Robinson St., the Cleburne Utility Billing Office, 418 W. Henderson St. and the Cleburne Public Library at 302 W. Henderson St.

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