

Home Gardens County Water District

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DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

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In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of public water system supply facilities, with regard for domestic water use, sanitation and fire protection, to protect and preserve public health, welfare and safety and minimize the adverse impact of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, the Home Gardens County Water District has proposed the following Drought Contingency Plan.

The General Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare. The General Manager, or designee, shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in this Plan. The contact information for the Home Gardens County Water District is David F. Vigil – General Manager.

Water Supply

Home Gardens County Water District purchases all of its water from the City of Corona. The City of Corona purchases their water from Metropolitan Water and also from groundwater wells and blends the two sources. The City of Corona water supplies has a very high degree of reliability. The District also can re-activate a water connection with the City of Riverside, in the event of a shortage.

Although, currently our water supply is very reliable, there are potential issues that might create a water shortage emergency. These include:

- An extended severe drought condition
- A wide-spread power outage
- A hazardous condition such as a chemical spill or terrorist attack
- A directive to reduce water usage

Water shortage stages:

Stage	Condition	Range		Shortage Range
1	Normal Supply	0%		Less than 10%
2	Minimum Shortage	15%		
3	Acute Shortage	15-20%		
4	Critical Shortage	20-50%		20- 30% 30-40% 40-50%
5	Emergency Shortage	50%		50%
6	Catastrophic Shortage	Greater than 50%		Greater than 50%

Stage 1

The District is currently able to meet all water supply demands. The District informs customers of a State drought situation, calling for the implementation of voluntary conservation practices such as;

- Reduction of outdoor watering
- Using a hose that is fitted with a shut-off nozzle to wash a motor vehicle
- Do not wash down driveways or sidewalks
- No fountain or decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- No outdoor watering within 48 hours after a measurable rainfall
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full
- Find and fix leaks
- Install water-efficient showerheads
- Take shorter showers

Stage 2

The District is not able to meet water demands, facing a shortage of up to 15%. Customers will be required to conserve 15% by adopting the following;

- Outdoor watering only three days a week (before 10:00am and after 8:00 pm)
- No washing motor vehicles
- All leaks, any overwatering sprinklers, must be repaired within 5 days.

Stage 3

The District is not able to meet water demands, facing a shortage of 15-20%. Customers will be required to conserve 15-20% by adopting the following:

- No new construction meters will be issued
- Outdoor water only two days a week before 10:00am and after 8:00pm)
- Filling or re-filling swimming pools is prohibited

Stage 4

The District is not able to meet water demands, facing a shortage of 20-50%

- No outdoor watering allowed
- No new construction projects accepted

Stage 5

The District is in an emergency water shortage situation of over 50%. This may be due to natural disasters, major power loss, major breaks in transmission lines, terrorist acts, hazardous conditions. In this situation the following will be implemented:

- Develop alternate water source supplies
- Establish mutual aid agreements with other water agencies
- Establish an Emergency Response Plan
- Communication with customers

Stage 6

The District is in a catastrophic water emergency. All non-essential water uses are prohibited. This plan may be rescinded when all the conditions listed as triggering events have ended. Upon termination of Stage 6, Stage 5 is in effect until otherwise specified.

Drought Response

The General Manager, or designee, shall monitor water supply conditions on a monthly basis, and shall determine if a water shortage condition exists and its severity, and shall implement the following notification procedures accordingly:

- For Stages 1 and 2 – mail notifications will be sent to all customers
- For Stages 3, 4, 5 and 6 – door to door contact and door tags will be utilized

Emergency Contacts

Department/ Agency	Contact	Telephone No.	Other
Fire Department		951-657-3183	
City of Water DWP	Tom Moody	951-830-2319	
CDPH		800-852-7550	916-845-8911
County Environmental Health Specialist		951-555-8980	After Hours 951-782-2973
State Water Board District Engineer	Chun Huang	619-525-4775	213-440-0074
Major Water Wholesalers	City of Corona City of Riverside	Tom Moody Todd Corbin	951-830-2319 951-826-5772 Emerg 951-782-0330
County Public Health		951-358-5000	
Major Customers	Home Gardens Academy	951-736-3219	Dr. Gonzalez
	All American Asphalt	951-736-3940	
	C and C Liquor	951-279-5355	
	Home Gardens Library	951-734-3170	
Edison		1-800-655-4555	1-800-555-1212

Gas Co		1-800-427-2200	
Electrician	All City Center Electric	951-352-1105 951-688-6865	
Water Hauler	McAllister Water Trucks	951-272-6586	
Bottled Water Vendor	Sparkletts	1-800-201-6218	
Storage Tank Vendor	Peabody Engineering	951-734-7711	
Emergency Shower Vendor	Cintas	714-794-5828	
Well Pump Tech	Legend Pump	909-384-1000	