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## CITY OF CHANUTE DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Neosho River Basin from which Chanute gets its Public Water Supply has been placed under a **Warning Drought Stage**. The Chanute Governing Body has responded by activating our City Conservation Plan under Stage 2 Water Warning in accordance with the Kansas Water Office Stage 2 Declaration.

**Why is this happening?** The Midwest is experiencing the worst drought since 1956. The Cottonwood/Neosho River Water Assurance District lake levels have dropped significantly, triggering the drought declaration. In addition, very little inflows are going into these water assurance district lakes.

**Who is affected?** All City of Chanute water users, including residents, businesses, and rural water districts.

**When do water restrictions begin?** August 15, 2012

**Restrictions:**

1. Lawn/Garden watering is restricted to an odd/even schedule between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. by handheld hose or bucket only. Odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered days of the month; even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days of the month.
2. All commercial and residential car washing is restricted to the hours between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
3. Golf courses are restricted to watering tee box and greens only after sunset and before sunrise. Hand watering of greens during the day may be done at temperatures over 90°. All other conditions of the courses water rights apply.
4. Customer water leaks must be repaired within 24 hours of detection.
5. Topping off of swimming pools due to evaporation is allowed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. until Labor Day, September 3, 2012. After Labor Day, adding water to swimming pools is prohibited.
6. Waste of water is prohibited.

The fine for not following these restrictions can be imposed from to \$150 to \$500 plus court costs per occurrence. If goals for water use reduction cannot be met, the City may be forced to implement an emergency rate structure for water.

**Goal #1: Reduce our peak demands by 20% and our overall weekly consumption by 10%.**

Peak demand: 2,640,000 gallons	Goal: 2,110,000 gallons
Average weekly flow: 9,450,000 gallons/week	Goal: 8,505,000/week

**Goal #2: To create a level demand throughout the day.** We are doing this by limiting certain watering activities between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

This Water Warning will continue until conditions in the Cottonwood/Neosho River Basin improve to the point that the Drought Declaration is lifted by the Governor. This will take rain events large and long enough to produce run off over the entire Cottonwood/Neosho River Basin. A single rain event will not end the drought. As the drought lengthens, further measures may be needed.

For more information, please visit our webpage at [www.chanute.org/drought](http://www.chanute.org/drought).