

Drought Restriction Information

The restrictions and why they are in place



How Does This Drought Affect Chanute Water Users

- Water supplies in the Neosho/Cottonwood Assurance District is dwindling forcing implementation of water use restrictions.
- If restrictions and voluntary conservation measures do not save enough water and if drought conditions continue water availability will go down and prices up.
- The current restrictions were put into effect at the request of the Kansas Water Office via the Assurance District. They are designed to make what water we have last longer.

What are the Current Restrictions

- 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.
- All commercial and residential car washing is restricted to the hours between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- 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.
- Customer water leaks must be repaired within 24 hours of detection.
- 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.
- Waste of water is prohibited.

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 - Watering at night lowers peak daytime water demand
 - Do not use automatic watering systems
 - You may water flowers, trees, shrubs, gardens, and lawns
 - Please do not water to excess!

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- All commercial and residential car washing is restricted to the hours between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 - Applies to all car washing at homes, car dealers, motor pools, and car washes.
 - When you do wash your car please only run water when needed and use a nozzle that reduces volume.

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 - Golf courses have their own water rights and water supply however we are having them cut back usage for the common good.
 - Please set your systems to water only what is needed.

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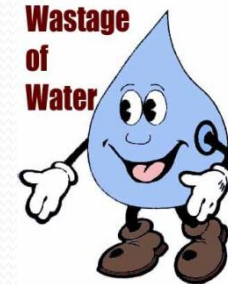
- Customer water leaks must be repaired within 24 hours of detection.
 - Leaks cost you money and are a waste of water
 - A dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons/day, or \$40 a year each.
 - Periodically check your water meter by turning off every item that uses water, get a reading, and then check it again in about an hour. If the reading has changed, more than likely you have a leak.

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 - Direct backwash water to water lawns or gardens when possible
 - Using a pool cover will reduce evaporation loss dramatically
 - When draining your pool for the season finding ways to reuse the water will help conserve and save you money

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- Waste of water is prohibited. Waste of water includes but is not limited to:
 - Water leaks, leaking toilets and faucets
 - Leaking water cooling towers
 - Letting water spray on paved areas while watering
 - Over watering of yards, plants and gardens.
 - Overflowing livestock or pet water containers

When will these restrictions end?

- When the Kansas Water Office declares the Water Warning is withdrawn or a more restrictive order is put in place.
- To be honest, no one really knows exactly when. It will take enough rain over a long enough period of time to replenish the water supply in the entire Cottonwood/Neosho Basin
- Long term weather forecasts still show drought conditions into November and perhaps beyond.