

Drought Response Level 1

Outdoor Water Use Rules

From Georgia Environmental Protection Division



Currently in effect for the following counties: Athens-Clarke, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Dawson, Elbert, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Gordon, Greene, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Lamar, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Pickens, Pike, Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding, Stephens, Talbot, Taliaferro, Troup, Upson, Walton and Wilkes.

YES! You can use water. Be Water Smart.



Water any day, any time for:

Newly planted lawns, turf, ground cover, flowers, shrubs, trees and other plants during installation and for 30 days after installation is complete.

Hand watering with a hose or watering can, drip irrigation and soaker hoses.

Watering food gardens.

Commercial pressure washing.

Installation/maintenance of irrigation system.

Irrigation of public recreational turf areas and sports fields.

Irrigation of plants for sale and hydroseeding.

Water from private wells, bodies of water, and alternate source (grey water, rain water, air-conditioner condensate).



For established landscapes:

Sprinklers and spray-type irrigation permitted daily before 10 am and after 4 pm.

Learn more:

Visit www.GeorgiaWaterSmart.com for more tips on saving water both inside the home and outside in the landscape.

- Learn how to conserve water and save money inside your home.
- Get tips for how you can conserve water and improve your landscape at the same time.
- View the University of Georgia Water-Wise Landscape Guide.