

Drought Response

Water Use Restrictions

Summary of 15 RCNY Chapters 20 and 21

	Non Emergency Restrictions (including Normal, Drought Watch and Drought Warning conditions)	Drought Emergency		
		Stage I	Stage II	Stage III
Leaks and Waste	Prohibited	Prohibited, greater fines	Same as Stage I	Same as Stage I
Vehicle Washing	Non-commercial: Hose must have a self-closing nozzle. Commercial: At least 75% of water must be recirculated or well water	Prohibited unless using well water	Same as Stage I	Same as Stage I
Washing Sidewalks, Driveways, Streets	Prohibited November 1 - March 31, and also during other months from 11 am to 7 pm.	Prohibited (Please read Variance for Washing Sidewalks)	Prohibited	Prohibited
Watering Lawns/Turf	Hoses and sprinklers prohibited November 1 - March 31, and also during other months from 11 am to 7 pm. Automatic sprinklers must have a rain sensor.	Further restricted to 7-9 am and 7-9 pm, even number addresses on even dates, odd number addresses on odd dates. Golf courses may water only tees and greens.	Prohibited	Prohibited
Watering Non-Turf Plants	Hoses and sprinklers prohibited November 1 - March 31, and also during other months from 11am to 7 pm. Automatic sprinklers must have a rain sensor.	Only hand-held watering containers, hoses restricted to less than 5 gpm, or low-pressure/low-flow irrigation can be used	Same as Stage I except use of hand-held containers is limited to recycled water or (if not feasible) to the minimum amount necessary to prevent permanent plant damage.	Same as Stage II except wherever possible use recycled or well water (before using City water) for watering all plant material.
Ornamental Fountains	Water must be recirculated	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Non-Residential	none	15% reduction	20% reduction	25% reduction

Users (General)				
Plant Nurseries	None	May use hoses, but must make 15% reduction	20% reduction	25% reduction
Water Served In Restaurants	Only if requested by patron	same	same	same
Swimming Pools	none	Must recirculate, fill 1 time per year, top off minimally as needed	Only pools open to the public may be filled or maintained	same
Showerheads	Sale or installation of products using more than 2.5 gpm is prohibited	All showerheads in use must use 2.5 gpm or less	same	same
Hydrant Use	Prohibited without DEP permit	same	same	same
Non-Recirc. Watercooled AC and Refrigeration	Over 6 tons of refrigeration or 2 tons of AC is prohibited	Over 2 tons of either is prohibited	same	same
Water-Cooled AC with Cooling Tower	Properties with steam-source refrigeration must use some condensate for cooling tower make-up.	same	same	Indoor air dry-bulb temperature must be 79 degrees minimum. Health care facilities are exempt. EDP facilities are exempt but must provide proof of maximum temp. tolerated by equipment.