

Stage 1

Mild Water Shortage Conditions

Goal Achieve a voluntary 5 percent reduction in total water use.

Supply Management Measures: City of Marion shall reduce or discontinue flushing of water mains as far as is practical and prudent.

Water Use Restrictions:

1. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinklers permitted only one day/week. Based on last digit of street address, the following schedule applies:
 - 0,1 - Monday
 - 2,3 - Tuesday
 - 4,5 - Wednesday
 - 6,7 - Thursday
 - 8,9 - Friday
2. Watering with a hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip irrigation is permitted.
3. Charity car washes permitted at commercial car washes that use recycled water or is certified as a conservation car wash.
4. Washing impervious cover such as parking lot, driveway, street or sidewalk prohibited.
5. Restaurants may serve water only upon request.
6. Pools must be covered at least 25% when not in use.
7. Vehicle washing at home permitted only during designated days and times.
8. Golf courses - 10% reduction in replacement of daily evapotranspiration (ET) rate or 1.8 times the base usage irrigation between hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10 a.m.
9. Installation of new landscapes permitted only if more than 50% is drought tolerant turf and if proper horticultural practices are used. Variances may be granted.
10. Athletic fields - watering permitted only between midnight and 9 a.m. for health and safety reasons, unless conservation plan approved by City of Marion.

Stage 2

Moderate Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 10 percent reduction in total water use.

Supply Management Measures: Continuing steps in Stages 1, City of Marion will closely monitor the system for leaks and provide rapid repairs.

Water Use Restrictions:

1. All restrictions from Stage 1 are still in effect.
2. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler permitted on one day/week on same schedule as Stage I during the hours of 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
3. Watering with a hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip irrigation is permitted to maintain trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants on any day between 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
4. Filling all new and existing swimming pools is prohibited. Draining permitted onto pervious surface and only if necessary to repair leaks or remove excess water in order to have water level to maintenance level.
5. Golf courses 30% reduction in replacement of ET rate or 20% reduction if a participant in ISP or not more than 1.4 times base usage. 40% reduction of ET rate or not more than 1.4 times base usage if not participant irrigation between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. only.
6. Pools must be covered at least 50% when not in use.
7. Installation of non-drought turf is prohibited.
8. Public playing fields - watering permitted only between midnight and 9:00 a.m. to extent necessary to protect health and safety, unless conservation plan approved by City of Marion.

Stage 3

Severe Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 15 percent reduction in daily water demand.

Supply Management Measures: Continuing steps in Stages 1 & 2 the City of Marion will patrol the system for any waste of water and will issue citations as required. Reduce system pressures where feasible.

Water Use Restrictions.

1. All restrictions from Stage 1 & 2 are still in effect.
2. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is prohibited.
3. Watering with a hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip irrigation is permitted to maintain trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants only one day/week between 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Based on last digit of street address, the following schedule applies:
 - 0,1 - Monday
 - 2,3 - Tuesday
 - 4,5 - Wednesday
 - 6,7 - Thursday
 - 8,9 - Friday
4. Filling all new and existing swimming pools is prohibited. Draining permitted onto pervious surface and only if necessary to repair leaks or remove excess water in order to have water level to maintenance level.
5. Golf courses - 40% reduction in replacement of ET rate or 30% reduction if a participant in ISP or not more than 1.2 times base usage. 40% reduction of ET rate or not more than 1.2 times base usage if not participant irrigation between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. only.
6. Pools must be covered at least 75% when not in use.
7. Installation of non-drought turf is prohibited.
8. Public playing fields - watering permitted only between midnight and 7:00 a.m. to extent necessary to protect health and safety, unless conservation plan approved by City of Marion.