

Drought Stages Summary

Water Supply Conditions	Drought Stage	State Title	Stage Objective	Response Actions
Normal Water Supply	None - Ongoing water conservation and enforcement of water waste prohibition.	Normal Conditions	Public awareness of water efficiency practices and prohibition of water waste.	Public outreach and education for ongoing water efficiency practices and the prohibition of water waste.
Slightly Restricted Water Supplies Up to 15% Supply Reduction	Stage 1 Introductory stage with voluntary reductions in use.	Water Alert	Initiate public awareness of predicted water shortage and encourage conservation.	Encourage voluntary conservation measures to achieve up to a 15% demand reduction.
Moderately Restricted Water Supplies Up to 30% Supply Reduction	Stage 2 Voluntary and mandatory reductions in water use.	Water Warning	Increase public awareness of worsening water shortage conditions. Enforce mandatory measures such as watering restrictions	Voluntary conservation measures are continued, with the addition of some mandatory measures to achieve up to a 30% demand reduction
Severely Restricted Water Supplies Up to 50% Supply Reduction	Stage 3 Mandatory reductions in water use.	Water Crisis	Enforce mandatory measures and/or implement water rationing to decrease demands.	Enforce mandatory measures to achieve up to a 50% demand reduction.
Extremely Restricted Water Supplies Greater than 50% Supply Reduction	Stage 4 Water rationing for health and safety purposes.	Water Emergency	Enforce extensive restrictions on water use and implement water rationing to decrease demands.	Enforce mandatory measures to achieve greater than 50% demand reduction.