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## The City of Waco Updates Watering Allowable Times

**WACO, TEXAS (August 15, 2022)** – The City of Waco issued mandatory water restrictions beginning July 13, 2022, to conserve our available water supply from Lake Waco and comply with the City’s Drought Contingency Plan. As a result of those restrictions, water production is down about 9.6% compared to pre-restriction levels generating a cumulative savings of about 98.27 million gallons (MG) of water (roughly 2.2 days of water use).

Effective immediately, the City of Waco is shifting allowable watering times to offer two more hours in the morning for watering from 6:00 am to 8:00 am. No watering is allowed between 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on any day. There are no changes to the current watering schedule based on your address. Additionally, buried drip irrigation systems will be allowed to run every day. Hand watering continues to be allowed every day of the week. Hand watering excludes the use of a sprinkler attached to a hose.

As the water levels continue to decline, the City of Waco is projecting a transition to Stage 3 restrictions between late October to early November. To learn more about the Drought Contingency Plan and Stage level restrictions, visit [wacowater.com](http://wacowater.com).

### Current status updates:

- Lake Waco levels are at 65.5% capacity: <http://ow.ly/qWZ450Kgbl0>
- More than 15” of rain is needed to recover from this drought: <http://ow.ly/IxR550Kgbl3>
- On average, Lake Waco’s elevation falls about 0.05 feet or 109.34 MG each day.
- The City of Waco utilizes about 44.25 MG to treat and provide water to customers.
- On average, Lake Waco loses about 65.09 MG per day to evaporation.

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