



City of Rochester

DROUGHT TIPS

WATER- USE IT WISELY¹



Homeowners use 30-60% of their water outdoors, and 50% of that is wasted due to over-watering.

TRY

Leaving the grass longer. Long grass allows for a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

Watering the grass in the early morning or evening to avoid daytime evaporation.



During the summer an average family's water use can increase by over 200% when compared with other times of the year.

TRY

Upgrading your irrigation systems to ensure there are no clogs or leaks, and monitor your system to make sure you aren't watering the sidewalk or driveway!



Did you know?

Just 1 broken sprinkler head could cost you \$90+ dollars over a six month watering season and wastes up to 25,000 gallons of water.

DROUGHT REGS



The City of Rochester recently updated their water usage regulations to ensure the use of public water is properly managed during an emergency event. The new requirements shall be enforced whenever the City Manager issues a water emergency declaration. These requirements apply to four water use restriction levels, which are detailed below.

DROUGHT REGULATIONS



LEVEL 1

- Customers are encouraged to refrain from outside water use (voluntary)

LEVEL 2

- Outside water use shall not occur between 8AM and 5PM
- Outside water use by odd numbered addresses is allowed on odd numbered days
- Outside water use by even numbered addresses is allowed on even numbered days

LEVEL 3

- No outside water use for lawn watering or irrigation
- Filling of any swimming pools greater than 100 gallons capacity is prohibited
- Washing of vehicles including automobiles, trailers, trucks, etc. by hose is prohibited
- Any outside water use shall not occur between the hours of 8AM and 5PM

LEVEL 4

- All outside water use is prohibited.

For more information about these regulations, please visit Chapter 17: Water (17.31 Regulation of Water usage during an Emergency) of the City's code.