

Rapid City Water Division

Water Conservation Measures

June 1 – August 31, 2019 (Normal Status)

For the purposes of conserving water and protecting limited supplies and facilitating the economical production of municipal water the following measures are established and shall be enforced:

A.1. Restrictions on outside watering, including lawn, tree, and garden irrigation, shall be permitted during the months hereinafter specified. Outside watering shall be allowed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. according to the following schedule: Outside watering shall be allowed during the designated hours at addresses bearing an even number on days of the month bearing an even numbered date and may be allowed at addresses bearing an odd number on days of the month bearing an odd number. No outside watering shall be allowed on the 31st day of any month.

EXAMPLE: On the first day of the month, an address bearing an odd number could begin watering just after midnight and continue to 9:00 a.m. No watering is allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Then at 6:00 p.m. watering could resume until midnight.

- a. **Normal Status.** The aforesaid measures shall apply during the months of June, July and August of each year.
- b. **Concern Status.** During such time as Pactola Reservoir contains less than 48,950 acre feet of water or the inflow to Pactola Reservoir is less than 90% of the mean monthly average, the aforesaid measures shall apply from April 1 through September 30.
- c. **Alert Status.** During such time as Pactola Reservoir contains less than 26,950 acre feet of water or the inflows to Pactola Reservoir are less than 50% of the mean monthly average, the aforesaid measures shall apply throughout the entire year.
- d. **Critical Status.** During such time as Pactola Reservoir contains less than 13,750 acre feet of water or the inflows to Pactola Reservoir are less than 25% of the mean monthly average no outside watering, regardless of hours or days, is permitted.

2. The Public Works Director shall notify the Council monthly of the level of Pactola Reservoir and the inflows to Pactola Reservoir. Based upon the information provided by the Public Works Director the Council shall determine which condition exists. If the Council shall determine that the status of the reservoir or the inflows has changed to a different level from its previous determination it shall publish notice of its new determination in the legal newspaper and shall make such news releases as it may find appropriate to inform the public of such change in status and the restrictions which shall then apply.

3. Nothing herein shall prohibit manual watering with a handheld hose or with a bucket, sprinkling can or other similar container.

4. The prohibition against outside watering applies only to watering with water taken from the city's water system or a system supplied from the city water system.