

Drought Stage	Indicator	Required Actions*	Voluntary Actions
Drought Watch	Early indicators of drought conditions exist.	CR water will monitor conditions and our water system's response closely. Customers asked to use water wisely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce landscape watering • Consider postponing new plantings until after the drought passes • Only run the dishwasher with full loads • Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving
Drought Alert	Customer water demand reaches 65% of well capacity.	CR Water asks customers to voluntarily reduce water consumption. All customers asked to reduce water usage by 5%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only watering between 6pm and 10am • Limit watering to odd/even days (addresses with odd house numbers water on odd calendar days and addresses with even house numbers water on even calendar days) • Reduce vehicle washing • Reduce pool filling/refilling
Drought Warning	Customer water demand reaches 75% of well capacity	Cedar Rapids Water implements mandatory water restrictions. All customers expected to reduce water usage by 15% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape watering limited to 2 days per week with odd/even day restriction • Ornamental fountains shut down unless equipped with recirculation system • No hosing off paved areas, buildings, windows or other surfaces • Recreational activities that produce run-off prohibited • Vehicle washing restricted to using a hand-held hose with a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants encouraged to only provide water upon request • Customers encouraged to reduce pool filling/refilling • Consider replacing your toilet with a low-flow model • Consider purchasing a rain barrel to help with landscape watering

		positive shut off nozzle or at a commercial car wash station.	
Drought Emergency	Customer water demand reaches 85% of well capacity	<p>Mandatory water restrictions increase. All customers expected to reduce water consumption by 25%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape water limited to 1 day per week with the odd/even day restriction using only handheld or soaker hoses and buckets. • All hose-end sprinklers and permanently installed automatic sprinkler systems are prohibited at all times. Only hand-held hoses, soaker hoses and buckets allowed. • Vehicle washing restricted to commercial car washes during watering hours only • Water may be added to pools to replace losses during normal usage; filling new swimming pools is prohibited. • Permitting for new swimming pools, hot tubs, ponds or fountain construction is prohibited • Foundations may be watered following landscape watering restrictions • Flushing of newly constructed water main will be managed by the City at its discretion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit showers to 5 minutes • Take less frequent showers. • Consider reducing the number of times the toilet is flushed • Save water from washing dishes or cooking and use it to water your plants.
* For a complete list of recommended and mandatory actions, refer to the 2013 Cedar Rapids Drought Contingency Plan			