



Water Conservation Restrictions
Section 24 WRWS Rules & Regulations
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The Weir River Water System may restrict non-essential outdoor water use for water utilized from the water service connection as a means of managing its water supply. Based on an evaluation of drought conditions, extended forecasts, groundwater levels, surface water levels, stream and river flows, the state and condition of its water supply, or the time of year, the Weir River Water System may implement one of two water restriction programs at any time:

- A. Annual Restrictions:** The following restrictions may be implemented by the Weir River Water System at any time during the period April 15 through October 15 (the “restriction period”) and shall apply to all Customers:
1. Operation of irrigation systems or hose-end sprinklers only between 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
 2. Watering by sprinkler or irrigation systems is allowed on Customers’ assigned day only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
 3. Customers’ assigned days are as follows:
 - i. Odd addresses: Tuesdays and/or Saturdays;
 - ii. Even addresses: Wednesdays and/or Sundays;
 - iii. No address: Sundays and/or Wednesdays
 4. Hand watering is allowed anytime, unless prohibited pursuant to Drought Condition Restrictions.
 5. The Weir River Water System may institute further restrictions, on a community-by-community basis, as conditions or regulations may require.
 6. The following shall also apply:
 - i. Enforcement: during the restriction period, 1st Violation and 2nd Violation notices shall state the consequences (i.e., shut off-termination charges and fees) for each subsequent violation cited during the restriction period.
 - ii. The Weir River Water System will notify local towns and agencies and the Department of Environmental Protection of the implementation of restrictions.
 - iii. Copies of notification, penalties, termination notices, and acknowledgements of penalties will be kept by the Weir River Water System.
 - iv. Customers will be notified by local newspaper and radio stations, signs posted on roadways entering the community, handouts and advance notification through billing of these restrictions. In an emergency requiring 24 hour or less notification, termination will be deferred until the Customer found in violation is personally notified.
 - v. Exceptions may be granted for Annual Restrictions based on the review and approval of the Weir River Water System.
 - vi. Restrictions will remain in effect until public notice is given by the Weir River Water System.
 - vii. Costs of termination and restoration must be paid in full before service is restored.
 - viii. The words “Personal Notification” shall be taken to include posting at the Premises being serviced by hanging or taping to the entrance facing the street, walk or driveway.

- B. Drought Restrictions:** During any state-declared or state-confirmed drought, situation of operational limitation of the water supply system, or potential for exceeding the allowable water withdrawal volume under the Water Management Act, the Weir River Water System may restrict water usage using any of the following restriction levels:

LEVEL I: Mandatory Restrictions – Outside irrigation limited to 1 day per week per Customer, based on an odd/even allocation program. Odd addresses are Tuesdays and Even addresses are Wednesdays.

1st Violation – \$50 Fine

2nd Violation – \$100 Fine

Subsequent Violations – Termination of service, plus the costs of termination and restoration.

LEVEL II: Mandatory Total Ban – All non-essential outdoor usage is prohibited (irrigation using automatic sprinklers or soaker hoses; the washing of vehicles, exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks; and, filling swimming pools). The Weir River Water System may also ban the use of hand held watering at their discretion.

1st Violation – \$50 Fine

2nd Violation – \$100 Fine

Subsequent Violations – Termination of service, plus the costs of termination and restoration.

1. 1st Violation and 2nd Violation notices shall state the consequences (i.e., shut off – termination costs and fees) for each subsequent violation cited during the restriction period.
2. The Weir River Water System will notify local towns and agencies and the Department of Environmental Protection upon the implementation of any level of restrictions.
3. Copies of notification, penalties, termination notices, and acknowledgements of penalties will be kept of file by the Weir River Water System.
4. Customers will be notified by local newspaper and radio stations, signs posted on roadways entering the community, handouts and advance notification through billing for drought related restrictions. In an emergency requiring 24 hour or less notification, termination will be deferred until the Customer found in violation is personally notified.
5. No exceptions will be granted for Drought Restrictions.
6. Restrictions will remain in effect until public notice is given by the Weir River Water System.
7. Costs of termination and restoration must be paid in full before service is restored.
8. The words (Personal Notification) shall be taken to include posting at the Premises being serviced by hanging or taping to the entrance facing the street, walk or driveway.
9. The words (restriction period) shall mean the interval between publication of the first public notice in accordance with Section 25(b)(2) above and the lifting of restrictions as stated in Section 25(b)(6).