

Marion Drought Plan Summary

In order to protect the health and safety of our community, the Marion Water Department has adopted a plan to address water shortages caused by an ongoing drought.

Drought Stage	Indicator	Required Actions*	Voluntary Actions
Drought Watch	Early indicators of drought conditions exist.	<p>Marion will monitor conditions and our water system's response closely.</p> <p>Customers asked to use water wisely</p>	<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.	<p>Marion asks customers to voluntarily reduce water consumption.</p> <p>All customers asked to reduce water usage by 5%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only watering between 6 pm and 10 am • Limit watering to odd/even days (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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marion Water implements mandatory water restrictions.• All customers expected to reduce water usage by 15%• Landscape watering limited to 2 days per week with odd/even day restriction• Allowed watering hours: 6pm-10am• 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 positive shut-off nozzle or at a commercial car wash station.	<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
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Drought Emergency	Custom water demand reaches 85% of well capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory water restrictions increase.• All customers expected to reduce water consumption by 25%• Landscape water limited to 1 day per week with the odd/even day restriction using only handheld or soaker hoses and buckets• Allowed watering hours: 6pm-10am• 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	<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
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		<p>usage; filling new swimming pools is prohibited</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Permitting for new swimming pools, hot tubs, ponds or fountain construction is prohibited● Foundations may be watered following landscape watering restriction● Flushing of newly constructed water main will be managed by the City at its discretion	
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How will you know if a drought plan is enacted?

- **An emergency alert will be posted on the City's home page**
- **Updated information about the stage and its requirements will be available at www.cityofmarion.org**
- **Information will be in the city's e-newsletter**
- **Announcements will be posted on Facebook**