

Outdoor Water Use Rules

June 10, 2009

On June 10, 2009 the Georgia Drought Management Panel met and Governor Sonny Purdue announced the state is officially out of the drought. Water use rules will be rolled back to the non-drought period schedule.

391-3-30-.03 Outdoor Water Use Schedule During Non-Drought Periods

(1) Outdoor water use other than exempted activities shall occur only as follows:

(a) Odd-numbered addresses: outdoor water use is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

(b) Even-numbered addresses: outdoor water use is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

http://www.gaepd.org/Files_PDF/rules/rules_exist/391-3-30.pdf

Commercial, Ag use, and Golf Course exemptions are allowed as written in the state rule linked above. What does this mean specifically for landscapes?

- You are allowed to water three days a week based on your home or business address. No hourly restrictions. However, you are strongly encouraged not to water during the heat of the day 10-4 pm as this is the least efficient time to water.
- Food gardens are exempt to day/hour restrictions.
- Newly installed landscapes, turf and plants are exempt from day/hour restrictions for the first 30 consecutive days to allow for establishment. **The Water Use Registration program certificates are no longer needed.**
- Private wells delivering less than 100,000 gals/day are not regulated by this rule.

The good news for now is we are out of the drought level four restrictions and almost all of the current rules come from the outdoor water use rules list here

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